OPEN ACCESS RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this group is to provide a governance framework for Open Access Publication within the HSE in line with national policy. It is envisaged that this Advisory Group will act as a platform for exploring open access research within the HSE.

The aims of the group are as follows:

- To implement the HSE position statement (endorsed by HSE Management Team Feb 2013) on open access publishing across all relevant sectors.
- To advise on HSE positioning in national research output including National Open Access Steering Group.
- To advise on how Lenus as the driver of open access publishing within the HSE can be effectively used in the health service.
- To liaise with international open access initiatives.
- To encourage collaboration and partnership working on research from all relevant departments of the health service.

Sponsor: Barry O’Brien
Chair: Bennery Rickard, Regional Librarian
Co Chair: Mary Morrissey, Director of Psychology Health Intelligence
Secretariat: Aoife Lawton, Systems Librarian

Membership
It is envisaged that the group comprises representatives from relevant HSE Directorates. Representatives will be invited from the following HSE sections:

- Professional Groups
- Regional Library & Information Service
- Health Intelligence
- Medical Education & Training Unit
- Quality & Patient Safety
- National Cancer Control Programme
- National HR Directorate
- Clinical Strategy & Programmes

Meetings:

1 National Open Access Position Statement http://www.lenus.ie/hse/handle/10147/250255
Meetings will be scheduled for 4 times per calendar year commencing in Q2 2013.

**Accountability:**
The Regional Library & Information Service has accountability to the Human Resources Directorate.

**Review:**
The group’s progress and development will be reviewed after 6 months. Annual achievements will be reported to the HSE Leadership team.

**Working Methods:**
A strategic plan will be drafted by the Regional Library & Information Service in conjunction with Health Intelligence. This will be reviewed at the second meeting to identify priority actions