

Open Access Policy

1. At **Breast Cancer Now**, we believe that if we all act now, by 2050, everyone who develops breast cancer will live and be supported to live well. We want our research to have the maximum impact possible and we believe that by findings from the research we fund made open and freely available to everyone will, it will help to reach this ambitious goal.
2. **Open access (OA)** is an important means of achieving this as it enables everyone to access information that could benefit them, including people affected by breast cancer, researchers, supporters and policy makers. We are committed to working towards a sustainable future for immediate, open research. This will help to accelerate progress, promote innovation and ultimately should allow the charity's objectives to be achieved more quickly.

3. Models of Open Access

3.1. There are several open access models.

- (i) The 'Gold' model where the final published PDF of a research article is made available without the need for a journal subscription. A charge of between £500 and £2500 is made for each article.
- (ii) The 'Green' model where a copy of the accepted manuscript is deposited in an open access repository at no cost. Access to the article may be subject to a publisher's embargo period (usually 6-12 months) ¹ but self-archiving is possible.

4. Europe PMC membership

4.1 Breast Cancer Now is a funder of Europe PMC , an electronic repository allowing worldwide access to patents, National Health Service guidelines and other records as well as published research manuscripts. The repository also permits text-mining of full articles through advanced key word searches. Importantly, Europe PMC permits Breast Cancer Now funded grant holders to deposit their manuscripts through the 'Green' route at no additional cost.

5. What does the policy mean for Breast Cancer Now grant holders?

- 5.1. The policy applies to all researchers funded wholly, or in part, by Breast Cancer Now;
- 5.2. All grant holders must deposit their manuscripts in Europe PMC as soon as possible, and no later than 12 months following publication;

¹ Information on the OA positions and embargo periods applied by different open access publishers can be found on the [SHERPA/ Romeo website](#)

- 5.3. We will support the 'Green' Model of OA publishing, allowing grant holders to use any underspend on their grants towards open access charges;
- 5.4. Many journals automatically deposit papers in Europe PMC if the funder is a member of Europe PMC. If such a service is not provided, grant holders will need to self-archive using [Europe PMC plus](#).

6. Queries

6.1. Please direct any queries you have to grants_admin@breastcancer.org.

- Breast Cancer Now is committed to ensuring its research findings are openly and freely available to everyone;
- This policy applies to all research outputs supported in whole, or in part, by Breast Cancer Now funding;
- All publications arising from funded research must be deposited in Europe PMC as soon as possible, and **no later than 12 months** following publication; Breast Cancer Now is a funder of Europe PubMed Central (Europe PMC), a searchable literature repository accessible worldwide;
- There are no additional costs to grant holders for depositing a manuscript in Europe PMC;
- Breast Cancer Now continues to encourage publications in open access journals and open access format and fees can be paid using any underspend on existing grants.