HRB Open Research launches with its first articles

HRB Open Research, a dedicated platform for grantees of Ireland’s Health Research Board (HRB), launches today with the publication of eight articles. All articles are freely available having been published using an immediate publication open access model, and will now undergo invited transparent peer review, post-publication. The first publications cover a range of article types from traditional research articles to study protocols and an open letter, and include a broad set of topics from public-patient involvement in research to cervical screening.

This new platform, controlled by the HRB, follows in the footsteps of other funders such as Wellcome and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, who have launched their own publication platforms. HRB Open Research will use services developed by F1000, the same as those used on Wellcome Open Research and Gates Open Research.

In publishing on HRB Open Research, grantees of HRB will be able to share any results they think are worth sharing. The publication process used here will speed up the dissemination of results, increase transparency and reduce research waste.

Dr Patricia Clarke, Programme Manager for Policy and EU Funding at HRB, said:

“Today marks a new dawn for health-related research in Ireland as HRB Open Research publishes its’ first articles. As the lead funder of health research in Ireland, we are proud to join two of the largest health-related funders in the world – Wellcome and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in launching publication platform for our grantees. I’m pleased that the innovative culture at the HRB enables us to lead Ireland on the open research journey.”

Dr Sara Burke, a health policy analyst and post-doctoral research fellow at Trinity College Dublin and one of the first authors on HRB Open Research, said:

“I love the idea of open publishing, where data (if possible), reviews and rewrites are open and transparent for all to see. For me, such openness and transparency is the future of academic publishing. Getting published on HRB Open Research means that my four year’s PhD research is now out there and gives me the impetus to get the other two case studies from my PhD published thus contributing to the pretty barren territory that is Irish health policy analysis.”

Dr Rebecca Lawrence, Managing Director of F1000, said:

“The decision by HRB to launch their own publication platform should be applauded as the first public funder to do so. The articles published today act as a great indicator of some of the fantastic research being carried out in Ireland today. The launch of HRB Open Research and the other platforms that we provide services for demonstrates that there is a real appetite to change how the results of research are shared. The immediate and transparent publication model these platforms utilise is bringing a real change to academic publishing by putting researchers, rather than publishers and editors, at the centre of the process.”

The following articles are the first articles to be published on HRB Open Research and will now undergo invited transparent post-publication peer review:
1. It’s the economy, stupid! When economics and politics override health policy goals – the case of tax reliefs to build private hospitals in Ireland in the early 2000s
   Sara A. Burke, Ruairi Brugha, Stephen Thomas

2. Promoting assisted decision-making in acute care settings for care planning purposes: Study protocol Deirdre O'Donnell, Éidín Ní Shé, Carmel Davies, Sarah Donnelly, Therese Cooney, Diarmuid O'Coimin, Diarmuid O'Shea, Lorraine Kyne, Diarmaid O'Sullivan, Bernadette Rock, Marie O'Shea, Eilish McAuliffe, Ann O'Shaughnessy, Thilo Kroll

3. Cervical screening: A new way forward (tests of risk and tests of disease)
   John J. O'Leary, Christine White, Cathy Spillane, Padma Naik, Roisin O'Brien, Stephen Reynolds, Trin Pham, Loretto Pilkington, Imogen Sharkey Ochoa, Noel Bolger, Jacqui Barry O'Crowley, Prerna Tewari, Sharon O'Toole, Mary Sweeney, Helen Keegan, Charles Normand, Linda Sharp, Grainne Flannelly, Cara Martin, CERVIVA, the Irish Cervical Screening Research Consortium

4. Fluoride And Caring for Children’s Teeth (FACCT): Clinical Fieldwork Protocol
   Patrice James, Mairead Harding, Tara Beecher, Carmel Parnell, Deirdre Browne, Marie Tuohy, Dympna Kavanagh, Denis O'Mullane, Helena Guiney, Michael Cronin, Helen Whelton

5. The use of eHealth to promote physical activity in patients with mental health conditions: a systematic review
   Jonathan Moran, Grainne Kelly, Ciarán Haberlin, David Mockler, Julie Broderick

   Siobhan Boyle, Rebecca Dennehy, Orla Healy, John Browne

7. What are the mechanisms that enable the reciprocal involvement of seldom heard groups in health and social care research? A rapid realist review protocol
   Éidín Ní Shé, Carmel Davies, Catherine Blake, Rachel Crowley, Amanda McCann, Brona Fullen, Deirdre O'Donnell, Joan O'Connor, Sheila Kelly, Majella Darcy, Fiona Bolger, Sue Ziebland, Mervyn Taylor, Phillip Watt, Diarmaid O'Sullivan, Mary Day, Derick Mitchell, Sarah Donnelly, Eilish McAuliffe, Liam Gallagher, Judy Walsh, Naonori Kodate, Laura Cutlar, Marie Therese Cooney, Thilo Kroll

8. Embedding a user-centred approach in the development of complex behaviour change intervention to improve outcomes for young adults living with type 1 diabetes: The D1 Now Study
   Deirdre M.J. Walsh, Lisa Hynes, Mary Clare O'Hara, Jenny Mc Sharry, D1 Now Young Adult Panel, Séan F. Dinneen, Molly Byrne
All articles are freely available here: [https://hrbopenresearch.org/browse](https://hrbopenresearch.org/browse)

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**Notes to editor**

1. Dr Patricia Clarke has written a blog introducing the first articles, available here: [https://blog.hrbopenresearch.org/2018/02/28/a-new-dawn-hrb-open-research-publishes-first-articles](https://blog.hrbopenresearch.org/2018/02/28/a-new-dawn-hrb-open-research-publishes-first-articles)

2. F1000 provides a suite of services to support researchers in discovering literature, and then writing and communicating their own work. F1000Prime helps with literature discovery; F1000Workspace makes it easier to write and share articles; F1000Research provides an author-driven approach to the publication of research results in an immediate and transparent way. F1000 also works with funders and research institutions to ensure their grantees can publish the outputs of their funding in more rapid and open ways. [https://f1000.com](https://f1000.com)

3. The Health Research Board (HRB) is the lead agency in Ireland responsible for supporting and funding health research, information and evidence. We are motivated and inspired by our vision; Healthy people through excellent research and applied knowledge. [www.hrb.ie](http://www.hrb.ie)