1. **RCUK Open Access FAQs**

Following input after the January OAPG meeting, an updated version of the OA FAQs is now available on the RCUK website. OAPG also discussed new FAQs on:

- How to deal with refunds from offset agreements,
- When it was acceptable to use RCUK open access block funds to make outputs that had been published in a non-compliant way, compliant
- How to deal with gold journals with a non CC-BY license.

It was agreed that further information was required before these could be added to the FAQs.

2. **Open Access Reporting**

The full compliance/financial reporting template is currently live with returns expected by 12 May. OAPG fed back that there was some confusion about the level of reporting that would be required in September and Pam Hicks confirmed that the September would only be a light touch financial update. Once the current reporting period was completed, organisations would not be asked to complete full compliance data again until April 2018.

3. **Publication of block grant data**

RCUK have been preparing open access compliance data from previous years for publication. These will be published after the general election.

4. **Communication of similarities and differences between RCUK and other funder’s Open Access Policies**

A paper was circulated by Pam Hicks which provided a comparison between open access policies for RCUK, COAF (which includes the Wellcome Trust), H2020, REF 21 and the Chief Scientist’s Office for Scotland. OAPG asked that NIH be added to the comparison, then the table be circulated round JISC and relevant groups for additional input. OAPG agreed that it would be helpful to create an infographic which set out key similarities and differences.

5. **Approaches to Open Access post March 2018**

RCUK is aware that the current 5 year transition period is due to come to an end in March 2018. With the changing landscape in both publishing and research, RCUK will be doing a light touch review in 2017 in order to look at progress with implementation of the RCUK policy and the status of transition to open access within the sector, building on and informed by other reviews in this space. RCUK asked the OAPG to provide feedback on the benefits and impact of the block grant.