

Use of Grant Funds for Data Archiving Costs

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- **A bit UK-centric...**
- Recent DCC organised meeting, Research Data Management Forum, a conversation with funders: <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/blog/conversation-funders>
- Questions for Funders: <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/research-data-management-forum-rdmf/rdmf-special-event-funding-research-data-management/quest>
- UK Research Councils are preparing an FAQ in response to these.



- Publisher subscription or deferred payment (because the publisher values the service and considers it cost effective) > can this be recovered from APC/OA fees?
- Organisational – publisher or research organisation/society – vouchers (because the organisation values the service) > how can universities fund this?
- Individual payment on submission > can this be charged to a research grant?



- Can grant funds be used to pay for Dryad deposit fees?
- Is it appropriate for part of Gold OA fees / APCs to be ring-fenced by publisher and passed on to Dryad for data archiving?

- **SIMPLIFIED (and UK centric)!!!**
- RCUK research grants include direct and indirect elements.
- Direct funds should be spent on things immediately 'for' the project and while the project is current.
- Indirect funds contribute to other services/infrastructure in the research organisation essential to support the research process.
- UK universities also receive QR funding which can be used to develop data infrastructure.



- *In principle, but not officially confirmed...*
- Funders are happy for researchers to use **direct** grant funds to meet the costs of depositing data in Dryad, or a comparable community resource, on publication (so long as this is charged during the lifetime of the project).
- Funders are happy for data deposit costs in a resource like Dryad to be included as part of an open access APC and to be reclaimed as part of APC in institutional OA block grants.
- Funders are not happy for **direct** grant funds to contribute to an institutional subscription to Dryad.

Research
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Gold OA
Fee/APC

Journal

Repository



- NERC policy that data should be offered first to NERC data centres.
- General concern not to pay twice for data archiving.
- Concerns about data quality.
- Keen that data resources should be spent on the best possible community resource, high quality, high reuse data.



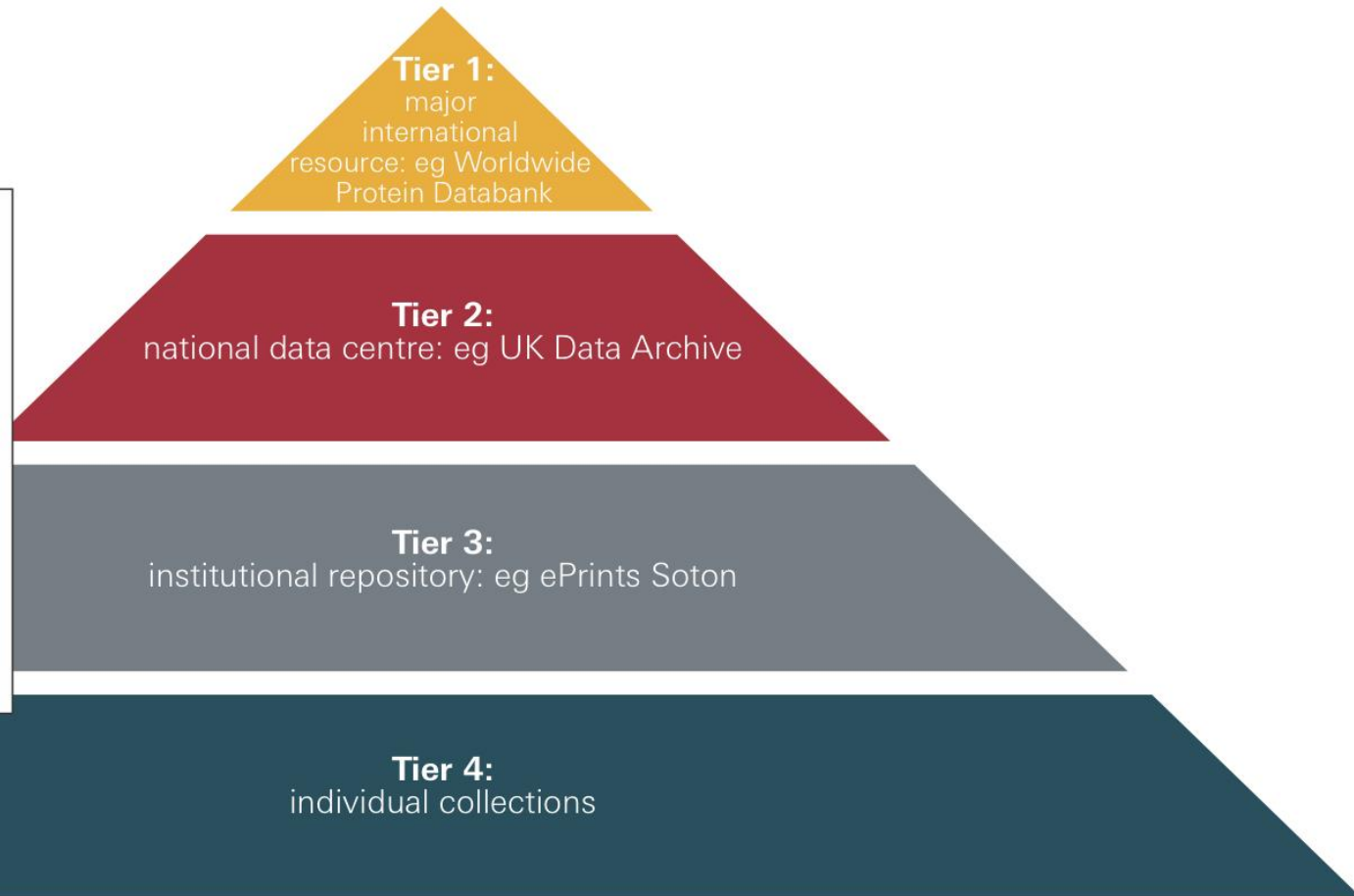
- Clarify these issues.
- Publicise various options
- Speak to funders, institutions, journals, researchers to ensure options are known.



Breadth of the value of data increases up the tiers: from individual to community to social value.

Each higher tier brings greater responsibility and demands for access.

And so, as infrastructure increases so must the attention given to standards, sustainability and provenance (see appendix 2).



The Data Pyramid: taken from Royal Society Report, *Science as an Open Enterprise*:
<http://royalsociety.org/policy/projects/science-public-enterprise/report/>

