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Work Package 1: Phase 2 Interview Guide

Interviews are phase 2 of WP1 and are designed to build on the findings of phase 1 (content analysis) and other early findings of the project as a whole. Interviews focused on perceptions of the relationship between the pandemic and OS, as we invited participants to reflect on how this relationship will impact the future of OS now that the public health emergency is over. Interviewees were experts involved in the research system in general and OS in particular.

Interview Schedule

Questions

Can you tell us about your role?

[prompts: how does your role relate to OA/OS? How did your role evolve during the pandemic?]

What is your/ your organisation's current position on open science, and how has this developed?

[prompts: how do you define it? OA v OS? What are the key priorities?]

In your own context, did you see a change in open science practices during the pandemic?

[prompts: different contexts - organisation, discipline, professional area, country/region

Did your org change its policy/approach/position?]

How (if at all) did open science impact COVID, in terms of the response to the pandemic?

[prompts: what is your evidence for your response?]

How (if at all) did COVID impact open science as a whole, negatively or positively? [bigger picture]

[prompts: open access

Open data Preprints

Misinformation - 'infodemic'

Citizen science

Equity/access to information]

What caused the changes?

Do you see these changes as temporary or long lasting?

Were the changes found in every discipline?

Were the changes found in every region and country?

Has this affected the case for OA/OS as you would see and/or as you would make it?

One of the characteristics of the pandemic was the way in which science became much closer to the public; one of the ways that happened was in journalists reporting regularly on medical and scientific issues. Do you think openness helped in that?

If so, will it last?

The UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science defines 'open science' extremely broadly [give details, possibly show 'jigsaw' to demonstrate different pieces, bring out EDI aspect from elsewhere in doc] - do you think this is helpful?

Why (or why not)?

Does this align with how you have been thinking about open science?

Where do you see open science going - what are the key trends?

[What non-COVID factors might be accelerating OS?]

What are the key challenges around the greater implementation of open science?

What do you see as the critical issues for "science" beyond the "open" agenda?

[prompts: EDI? AI?]

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