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252a At the point of acceptance, it was not possible to secure the use of a repository. Record metadata on DORA. Deposit output when/if possible.

252b Delay in securing the final peer-reviewed text. Record metadata on DORA. Deposit output when/if possible.

252c Staff member not employed on a Category A eligible contract by a UK HEI at the time of submission for publication. Record metadata on DORA. Deposit output when/if possible.

252d It would be unlawful to deposit, or request the deposit of, the output. Record metadata on DORA (if lawful to record).

252e Depositing the output would present a security risk. Record metadata on DORA (if no security risk in recording metadata).

253a Output depends on the reproduction of third-party content for which open access rights could not be granted. Deposit output as closed access within 3 months of acceptance.

253b Publication concerned requires an embargo period that exceeds the stated maxima, and was the most appropriate publication for the output. Deposit output with publisher embargo within 3 months of acceptance.

253c Publication concerned actively disallows open-access deposit in a repository, and was the most appropriate publication for the output. Deposit output as closed acceptance within 3 months of acceptance.

254a At the point of acceptance, staff member employed at a different UK HEI, and it has not been possible to determine compliance with the criteria. Record metadata. Link to record on previous institution repository.

254b The repository experienced a short-term or transient technical failure that prevented compliance with the criteria. To be used only by DORA staff. Deposit output ASAP.

254c An external service provider failure prevented compliance. To be used only by DORA staff. Deposit output ASAP.

255a Output is unable to meet the REF OA criteria due to circumstances beyond the control of the HEI, including extenuating personal circumstances of the author. Record metadata on DORA. Deposit output when/if possible.

255b The output was not deposited within three months of acceptance date, but was deposited within three months of the earliest date of publication. Deposit within 3 months of online publication.