**ERO – Evidence-based Resources for Osteoporosis**

**Guidance for applicants**

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**Description and purpose**

ERO is a joint partnership between the Royal Osteoporosis Society (ROS) and Keele’s Impact Accelerator Unit (IAU) which aims to curate, disseminate and increase the reach and impact of evidence-based resources in osteoporosis.

Keele’s Impact Accelerator Unit (IAU) aims to accelerate the uptake of research into practice, through knowledge mobilisation and research, to create an impact on the quality of health and care. It is the only one of its kind in the UK with a specific focus on musculoskeletal conditions. The IAU has strong NHS networks and communities working together in a multidisciplinary team and co-produces with inclusive patient and public involvement in all activities following best practices of research involvement and community engagement. [Impact Accelerator Unit - Keele University](https://www.keele.ac.uk/iau/)

The ERO working group consists of people with osteoporosis and other lay members with an interest in knowledge mobilisation, clinicians and clinical academic representing the 4 nations and representing multiple disciplines including medicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, nursing and other AHPs, expert clinicians and brokers in knowledge mobilisation and representatives from ROS.

What can be submitted to ERO?:

ERO is a repository for evidence-based resources related to osteoporosis and fracture prevention. By evidence-based we mean created through research. By resources we mean any document, or electronic resource or ‘tool’ that is useful for patients, clinicians and/or researchers. This is not limited to, but includes leaflets, posters, clinical or patient decision tools, videos, webinars, e-learning, clinical proformas, benefit calculators, guides, recommendations.

We don’t accept applications for clinical tools, resources or documents that are not evidence-based i.e. not developed through research.

What can I ask of ERO?

Any UK researcher or clinician involved in research can ask for resources to be adopted by ERO. Researchers from outside the UK may also approach the chair for pre-submission inquiries if their resources might be relevant to the UK audience. In addition to being included on the website, you can ask for advice on how to maximise impact and implementation and how to evaluate impact.

What to expect?

The ERO working group meet 4 times a year and the meeting dates are available on the website. Application forms are on the website and need to be submitted online or to *ero.health@keele.ac.uk.* Not all parts of the application form will be relevant and the WG do not require favourable answers in every section for adoption. However, patient involvement is very important and resources for patient benefit are unlikely to be accepted if patient feedback has not been incorporated into development. Your application will be reviewed by at least 4 members of the committee in detail including at least one lay representative. The ERO working group will complete the quality checklist on the application form, and if accepted, this will be published alongside your resource. We may give feedback on how your resource could be improved, but only if you ask us to do so. We suggest would-be applicants consult the quality checklist {link} before designing resources and ERO accessibility guidelines {link}.

How was the quality checklist derived?

These standards were obtained from a synthesis of quality assessment tools (patient information quality standards (m-IPDAS) and IPDAS), and recommendations in Crawford-Manning F, et al. Evaluation of quality and readability of online patient information on osteoporosis and osteoporosis drug treatment and recommendations for improvement. Osteoporos Int. 2021 Aug;32(8):1567-1584. doi: 10.1007/s00198-020-05800-7. Epub 2021 Jan 27. PMID: 33501570; PMCID: PMC8376728.

Can I appeal?

The decisions of the ERO WG can be challenged by writing to the Chair at *ero.health@keele.ac.uk.*