

# Cochrane Organisational Dashboard Q1 (Jan-Mar) 2019

## Commentary

- Cochrane's Governing Board announced the [appointment of Dr. Karla Soares-Weiser](#) as the new Editor in Chief of the Cochrane Library. Karla will replace the current Editor in Chief, Dr. David Tovey, who steps down from the role at the end of May following ten years of distinguished service. At the Governance meetings in Krakow, Poland, in early April Cochrane's collective leadership gave its warmest thanks and appreciation for his achievements.
- Cochrane held successful Governance meetings in Krakow (see the [meeting round up](#), [documents](#), [videos](#), and [Governing Board report](#) for more details).
- Total demand for Cochrane Reviews in the Cochrane Library continued its strong growth, rising 14.5% on Q1 2018.
- Cochrane's focus on producing fewer, better, more complex reviews (with more included studies) is also being achieved. New prognosis, NMA and IPD reviews were produced in Q1; with overall production output of Reviews down by 5% on the same period the year before.
- Global usage of Cochrane.org continues to grow. The number of sessions increased to 11.4 million in the first quarter, a 22% increase compared to the previous quarter and a 130% rise on Q1 2018.
- Cochrane.org geographic usage continues to demonstrate strong evidence of increased accessibility to Cochrane content, with translated content now accounting for 78% of usage. Mexico remains the top user of Cochrane.org, reaching over 1.4 million sessions in Q1; and thanks to changes in Google's foreign language algorithms which bring trusted sources closer to the top of healthcare searches Russia entered the top 10 users of Cochrane.org for the first time in Q1. Russia's year-on-year usage increased by 810% in Q1, approaching 500,000 user sessions.

- Publishing royalties fell in Q1, due to the impact of foreign exchange rate losses (between US dollars and GB pounds) and a mistake by Cochrane's publisher, Wiley, in including a Q1 licence payment in Q4 2018 figures.
- Cochrane's central income and expenditure were both tracking lower than expected.
- The new Cochrane Interactive Learning module on [Network Meta-Analysis](#) was released in response to the content strategy prioritisation of this method within Cochrane; and a new training resource for Cochrane editors was also launched: 'Editorial Essentials'.
- Integration of Cochrane tools for Review production is still in progress. CRS-Covidence integration work is complete and rolling out in May. Covidence-RevMan Web and RevMan Web-GRADEPro GDT integration is moving forward with the aim of completing this work by Santiago Colloquium and we are in discussions with the MAGIC App on a possible integration of that tool with RevMan Web for Summary of Findings Tables creation for Cochrane Reviews.
- Cochrane's status as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in official relations with the World Health Organisation (WHO) was renewed at WHO's Executive Board meeting in January 2019.
- As anticipated, Cochrane's membership numbers dropped from an initial peak of 13,000 members at the end of 2018 to 10,432 at the end of Q1. This was expected as when Cochrane's new membership scheme was launched in Q4 2017 we offered membership to everyone who had any record of contributing to Cochrane. Some of those who accepted membership are no longer active contributors and so in Q1 their initial 12-month membership lapsed due to lack of further contributions. Membership numbers are now stabilising and should grow further from this point, with 2,500 new Supporters being attracted to join Cochrane each month.

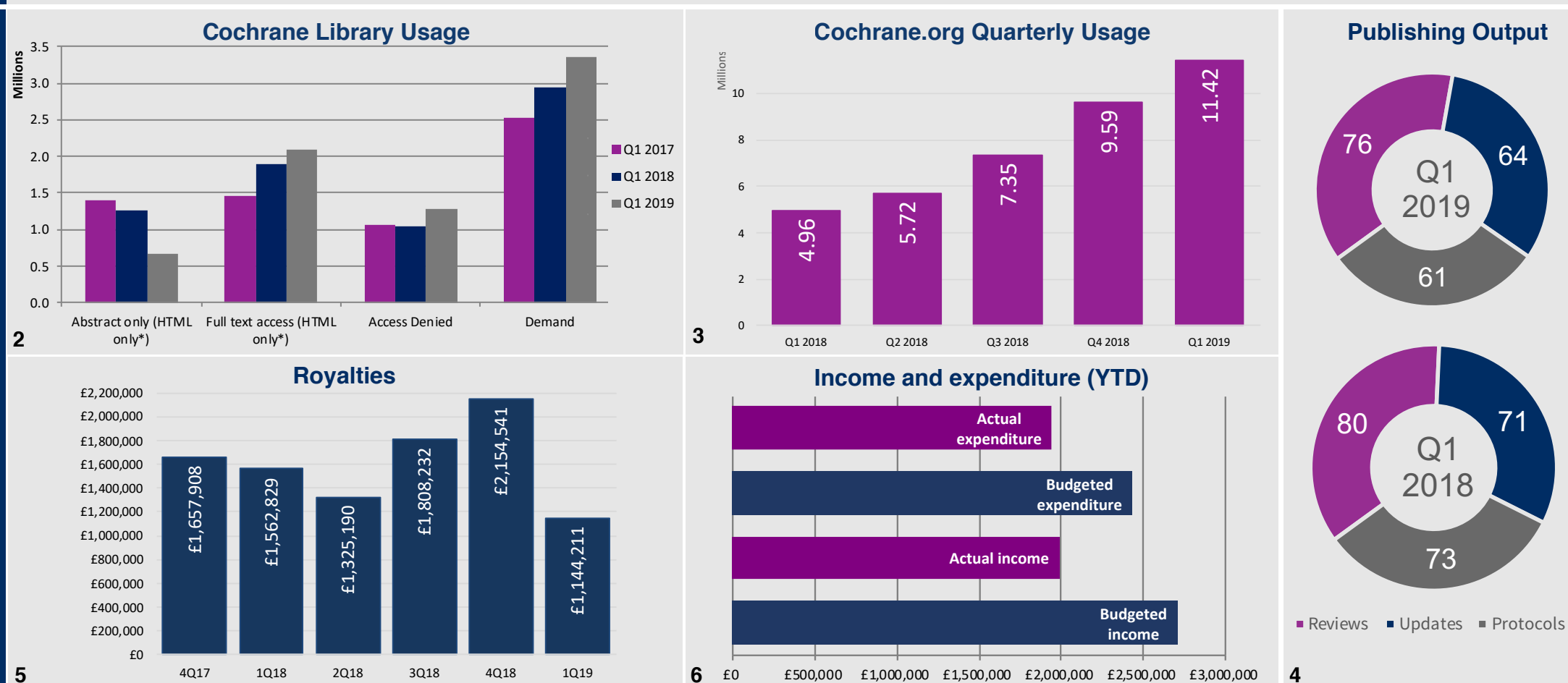
## 2019 Targets

### Strategy to 2020 Targets for 2019

- 1. CONTENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION**  
Achieve the annual objectives and targets of Cochrane's Content Strategy.
- 2. IMPROVED EDITORIAL PROCESS**  
Assure the quality and consistency of Cochrane's editorial process.
- 3. COCHRANE REVIEW STRUCTURE AND FORMAT CHANGES**  
Make Cochrane Reviews more accessible to decision makers.
- 4. UPDATED OPEN ACCESS AND OPEN DATA POLICIES**  
Review our policies on Open Access to Cochrane Reviews and datasets.
- 5. NEW COCHRANE LIBRARY FEATURES**  
Continue to deliver more features and enhancements in the Cochrane Library, with a focus on continuing to improve the discoverability, accessibility, usability and impact of our content.
- 6. SUPPORTING POLICY-MAKERS**  
Support health policy makers to use Cochrane evidence and new advocacy initiatives.
- 7. SUPPORTING AND TRAINING OUR CONTRIBUTORS**  
Build capacity in the Cochrane community to produce more complex reviews and undertake knowledge translation activities.
- 8. IMPROVED EDITORIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**  
Evaluate, plan and begin implementation of an improved Editorial Management System for Cochrane Review production.
- 9. INCREASED ORGANIZATIONAL DIVERSITY**  
Strengthen Cochrane as a global organization, through a series of initiatives.

PURPLE: not started or N/A; RED: serious concerns; AMBER: some delays; GREEN: on target

## Overview

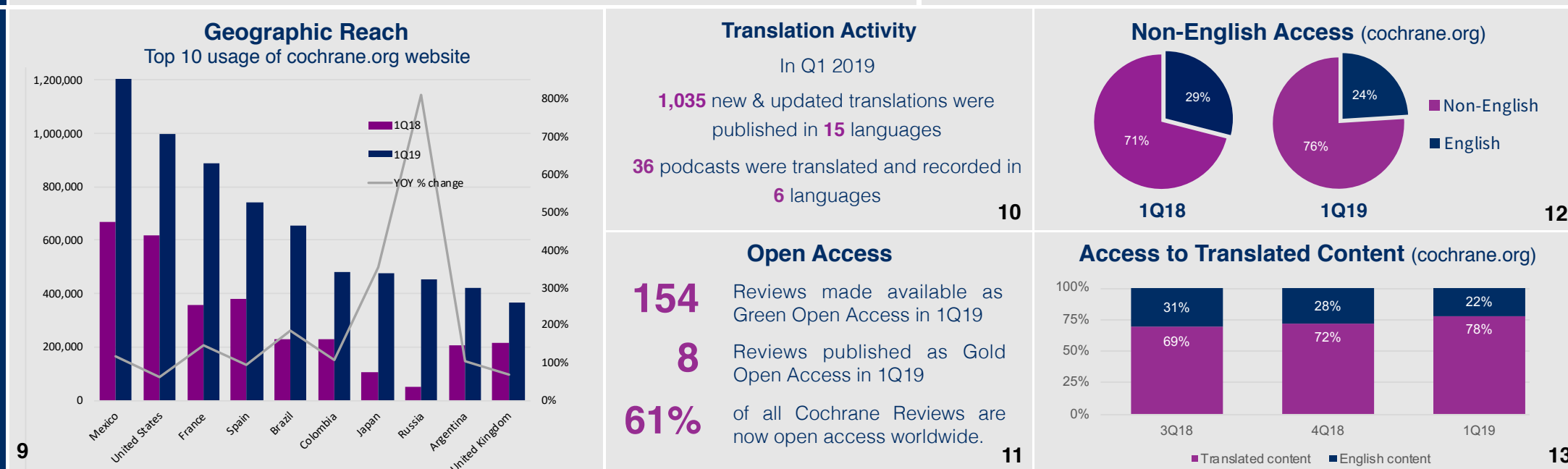


## Goal One

- Cochrane Cancer Network collated a selection of highly viewed Cochrane Reviews on cancer to mark World Cancer Day in February; and a [Special Collection on diagnosing tuberculosis](#), including Cochrane Reviews from the [Cochrane Infectious Diseases Group](#), was published as part of World Tuberculosis Day in March
- Cochrane launched a [survey](#) as part of a review of its Conflict of Interest policy, inviting feedback from people who create, use or fund the production of Cochrane Reviews, on how conflict of interest should be defined and managed.
- We have published major updates of high impact reviews that address the [role of exercise in preventing falls in older people living in the community](#) (Published January: Altmetric score 521), and evaluating the [Mediterranean style diet for preventing heart disease](#) (Published March: Altmetric score 134)
- New reviews introducing qualitative methods have been published exploring [companionship in labour](#) and [school based self-management interventions in children and adolescents](#)

	1Q18	1Q19	Change
<b>Total records</b>			
Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews	10,099	10,384	3%
Reviews	7,534	7,957	5%
Protocols	2,565	2,427	-6%
CENTRAL	1,130,500	1,521,594	26%
Cochrane Clinical Answers	1,567	1,902	18%
Editorials	119	126	6%

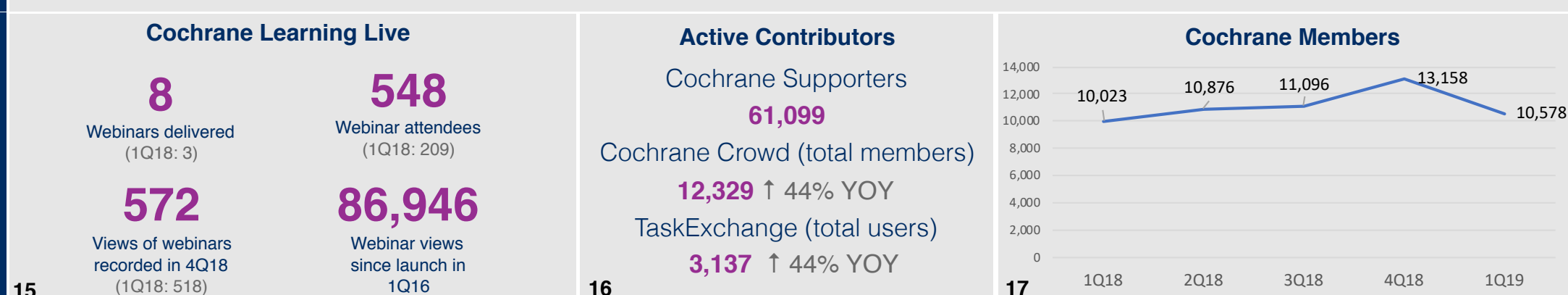
## Goal Two



## Goal Three

- Cochrane disseminates a new online series showing how review evidence is being used in daily practice from the perspective of practitioners and patients.
- The World Health Organization published [Guidelines for malaria vector control](#), drawing on 7 Cochrane reviews specially prepared for them by the [Cochrane Infectious Diseases Group](#) (CIDG).
- There was major media coverage of Cochrane's review providing strong evidence that falls in people over sixty-years old can be prevented by exercise programmes (over 50 media mentions worldwide), with the global press release translated and disseminated to patients and practitioners in Japanese, French, Polish, Russian and Simplified Chinese.

## Goal Four



### Notes on the data

- There were some delays in working towards targets three and four in Q1 2019
- Access denied means a user tried to download a full text, but did not have a subscription to the Cochrane Library. Demand is the combination of successful full text views and attempted full text views (access denied). Data is for Q1 for each of the years shown and excludes usage of Biblioteca Cochrane Plus.
- This is a measure of sessions of the cochrane.org website
- Compared with 1Q18: Reviews: - 5%; Updates: - 10%; Protocols: - 16%
- Royalties decreased 27% YOY.
- The figures presented for income and expenditure are year to date i.e. 1 January to 31 March. Figures include Cochrane Innovations.
- For more Cochrane news, see the [Cochrane Community website](#).
- The Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects, the Cochrane Methodology Register, the Health Technology Assessment Database and the NHS Economic Evaluation Database are no longer being updated.
- Usage measure is user session count. Notable YOY% increases: Russia (810%), Japan (354%), Brazil (185%), France (147%) and Mexico (116%)
- This is activity in 1Q19. Review translations are PLS and/or Abstract, not whole reviews.
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- The English / non-English split is based on the user's browser language.
- This data is based on the language of the web page, and shows the usage of our translated content.
- Coverage summary [here](#) for the review: Exercise for preventing falls in older people living in the community
- These are webinars delivered as part of Cochrane Learning Live.
- Percentage increase is comparison with 1Q18. No comparison figures are available for Cochrane supporters.
- The Cochrane membership scheme was launched in 2017. Tracking the number of Cochrane members began in January 2018.