

# The AHSC pilot: chronology of a possible procurement model

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# About AHSCs

Academic Health Science Centres (AHSCs) are formal partnerships between a university and healthcare providers and aim is to improve the quality of health services and the health of the population by bringing research, education and patient care closer together.

Five AHSCs were officially recognised by government in March 2009:

- Cambridge University Health Partners
- Imperial College AHSC
- King's Health Partners
- Manchester AHSC
- UCL Partners

<http://www.wired-gov.net/wg/wg-news-1.nsf/0/12F26C3313D994838025757400470B87?OpenDocument>



# Background to the AHSC model

8 April 2009: JISC Collections

- NHS-HE Forum Content Group holds meeting of stakeholders from the four Home Countries
- Possible models for joint procurement were considered:
  - It was suggested that the new Academic Health Science Centres could be a model group in England
  - The London Medical Schools Group consortium was identified as a model that had worked to date
- It was suggested that JISC Collections could act as a neutral advisor and/or as a negotiator for content procurement

Reported at November 2009 NHS-HE Forum meeting...



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19 November 2009: NHS-HE Forum meeting

“Academic Health Science Centre model, including the model of Biomedical Research Units as well as teaching hospitals – based on close links between the medical school and the hospital(s).

In this model, the academic institution is at the centre, and procurement may well be negotiated by the academic institution. The pressure for enhanced access might arise as a result of research priorities common to the organisations involved.”

19 February 2010: King’s College London

Meeting of representatives of the five AHSCs, following correspondence between Paul Ayris, Mary Davis and Debby Shorley (of the three London AHSCs).

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## 16 June 2010: JISC Collections

- Workshop with publishers discussed outline proposals

## September 2010 – January 2011

### Information collected around

- numbers of staff at NHS Trusts to be included in the pilot
- NHS Athens orgIDs to be included
- resources for which academic centres will hold subscriptions during 2011

## 18 November: JISC Collections

### Workshop with five publishers attending:

- Elsevier
- Nature Publishing
- Springer
- ThomsonReuters
- Wolters Kluwer



## 28 February 2011

# New pilot project looks to develop licensing models for Academic Health Science Centres

- A year long pilot programme jointly established between JISC Collections, Academic Health Science Centres and major STM publishers and database suppliers will seek to develop sustainable models for enhanced provision of access to high quality e-content across NHS and academic staff.
- <http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/News/New-pilot-project-looks-to-develop-licensing-models-for-Academic-Health-Science-Centres/>



## Pilot details

- The pilot programme, organised by JISC Collections, the UK academic community e-content procurement and negotiation service, will allow the universities at the centre of the AHSCs to extend to their partner NHS organisations access to their subscribed content from Elsevier, Nature Publishing Group, Springer, Thomson Reuters and Wolters Kluwer Health.
- All of the publishers have granted this extended access at no additional cost for 2011. Over the course of the year all stakeholders will work together to review the impact on usage, administration, and licensing requirements arising from the pilot.



# Challenges

- Enabling the resources through NHS Athens
  - first set of resources enabled December 2010; last set enabled April 2011
  - still liaising with publishers over details; some gaps still remaining
- Enabling access via the NHS Link Resolver
  - difficulties matching Athens permissions with sets in the NHS Link Resolver
- Sharing the knowledge so that all pilot participants can benefit
  - local Link Resolver administrators have been writing guides, sharing their expertise so as to help deal with the issues arising from each implementation
- Deciding how to present the resources to users; multiple access points
  - not all resources can be linked through the Link Resolver (eg databases)
  - MyAthens invariably needs to be used, too
- Communicating with site managers / Athens and Link Resolver administrators
- Communicating with other AHSC-like organisations over the scope of the pilot and potential prospects





## With the aim of...

... developing sustainable models for enhanced provision of access to high quality e-content across NHS and academic staff

... by January 2012!

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