

**Extending access
to academic
licensed research
content to NHS
users:**

Jisc Collections – NHS (Finch) Pilot Outcomes


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» Webpages

- › <https://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/nesli2/Extending-Access--2014-NHS-Pilot/>

» Public Report

- › [https://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/Global/NHS%20\(Finch\)%20Pilot%202014-15%20Final%20Public%20Report%2028Nov15.pdf](https://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/Global/NHS%20(Finch)%20Pilot%202014-15%20Final%20Public%20Report%2028Nov15.pdf)



The screenshot shows the Jisc Collections website interface. At the top, there is a dark red header with the Jisc Collections logo on the left and navigation links on the right: "NESLI2", "Publication", "Advisory Groups", "Projects and Research", "Reports", "Info for Publishers", "Librarian Tools", and "Corporate NESLI2 Health". Below the header is a search bar and a "SEARCH" button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a list of links under the heading "NESLI2": "Benefits for librarians", "DSE Pilot 2014 - Extending Access", "NHS Pilot 2014 - Extending Access", "2014 NHS Pilot The end", "Publisher information", "Benefits for publishers", "Benefits for subscription agents", "NESLI2 Publishers", "NESLI2 Model Licence", and "NESLI2 DMP". The right column features the heading "2014 NHS Pilot" and a sub-heading "NHS Pilot commences 1st April 2014". The text below explains that a pilot will enable access to journal content licensed by Jisc Collections for the academic research community, starting on 1st April. It mentions that AAAS, Elsevier, KDP Publishing, Nature Publishing Group, Springer, and Royal Society of Chemistry have agreed to provide a free trial access period for up to one year in most cases. The Finch Report recommendation is cited, stating that during the transition to open access publishing worldwide, in order to maximise access in the HE and health sectors to journals and articles produced by authors in the UK and from across the world that are not accessible on open access terms, funds should be found to extend and rationalise current licences to cover all the institutions in those sectors. Jisc Collections licenses academic research content for the academic higher education sector via its NESLI2 agreements and has previously considered how it might extend its licence agreements to incorporate access by NHS users in a 2012 pilot involving Academic Health Science Centres in England. The results informed the NHS Pilot which has been established with the help of some limited funding that will be provided to the participating publishers for the administrative support required to enable and maintain OpenAthens and IP address authentication for NHS users and to provide usage data at agreed points. No funding has been made available to purchase access rights to the journal content for NHS users during the pilot period. A Steering Group comprising representatives from the UK academic sector, the NHS in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, NICE and Jisc Collections, has led the NHS Pilot from its inception and the results of the pilot will inform Jisc Collections, the participating publishers and NHS libraries about relevant business models for NHS.

- » **Report of the Working Group on Expanding Access to Published Research Findings – the Finch Group June 2012 recommendation:**
<http://www.researchinfonet.org/publish/finch/>
- » **During the period of transition to open access publishing worldwide**, in order to maximise access in the HE and **health sectors** to journals and articles produced by authors in the UK and from across the world that are not accessible on open access terms, **funds should be found to extend** and rationalise current licences to cover all the institutions in those sectors.
- » Suggested that relevant journals for the whole of the NHS would cost £1-£2m in addition to what is currently being paid.
- » The idea would be to **make as many journals available as possible**
- » **NB: No Funding Found!**

- Jisc Collections licenses research content for the academic sector
- 2011-2013: “AHSC Pilot” had previously considered how Jisc Collection’s journal licenses might be extended to incorporate access to content by NHS users
 - › Publishers: Elsevier, Springer, Nature Publishing Group, Wolters Kluwer and Thomson Reuters
 - › 5 AHSCs: UCL, KCL, Imperial, Manchester and Cambridge and their associated NHS trusts
 - › Usage of research content by NHS trusts was shown to be low
- A model to build on.....



NICE

NHS

Health Education England

NHS

Education
for
Scotland



Knowledge into Action
for Scotland's Health and Social Services



GIG
CYMRU
NHS
WALES



Health and Social Care
in Northern Ireland

Steering Group: Determining the Content
Pilot Administration Funding
No funding for the content itself

Jisc Collections managed the pilot project

- » June 2013 Request for Information to Publishers
- » October 2013 Official Invitation to Tender – Requirements
- » April 2014 **Pilot officially starts**
- » October 2014 First usage analysis (April 2014 – September 2014)
- » November 2014 Mid-trial report & meeting to discuss initial pilot outcomes with stakeholders
- » Oct – Dec 2014 Meetings with publishers
- » December 2014 Pilots ends for OUP
- » March 31st 2015 **Pilot officially ends**
- » May 2015 Second usage analysis (April 2014-March 2015)
- » July 2015 Draft report
- » Nov 2015 Public Report
- » Continuing discussions regarding funding and with publishers

October 2013 Finch Report Review: “We welcome the work that Jisc is doing to investigate options for extensions to licensing”

- » AAAS
- » Annual Reviews
- » Elsevier
- » IOP
- » Karger
- » Nature
- » OUP
- » RSC
- » Springer



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AAAS: [Science Signaling](#); [Science Translational Medicine](#). Information about the two journals is [here](#) and [here](#). The title *Science* was not included.

Annual Reviews: 26 titles in the Biomedical/Life Sciences accessible [here](#). Content covered 1996-2014. The free access was extended to 15th April 2015.

Elsevier - c.150 titles via [ScienceDirect](#). This was a subset of the titles available to many academic subscribers under the NESLi2 ScienceDirect and Cell Press agreements. Access is to current year and previous 4 years.

Karger - 130 titles via [Karger.com](#).

IOP Publishing - over 100 titles via [IOPScience](#). This list of titles reflected the full list of IOP titles available to 'Option 2' NESLi2 subscribers.

Nature Publishing Group - 37 NPG branded titles via [nature.com](#). Titles not included were *SciBx* and *Scientific American*. Most of the Society and Academic titles published by NPG for other publishers were included. Content covered 2010-2014.

Oxford University Press - 88 titles from the Medical collection on the [OxfordJournals](#) platform. Access provided was back to 1996 where available. The free access ended 31st December 2014.

Royal Society of Chemistry - 57 titles via [RSCjournals](#) which form the Gold NESLi2 collection of journals. Access included all the archival content and also the [Merck Index](#).

Springer - 1950 journal titles via [SpringerLink](#) reflecting titles which form the Closed Consortium NESLi2 agreement. Access extends back to 1 January 1997, where available. The Publisher has also made available ebook content and details will be provided in due course. A promotional [flyer](#) was available. The free access ended 31st December 2014.

Publisher	Total England Usage: downloads
AAAS	3,286
Publisher2	3,524
Publisher3	29,531
Publisher4	14,030
Publisher5	18,555
Publisher6	76,830
Oxford University Press	515,621
Publisher1	2,579
Springer	271,083
Totals	1,027,758

- » Content: full/subject collection, online-only
- » Authentication: OpenAthens OrgIDs plus IP address
- » Period: April-December 2015
- » Business Model: Using April-December 2014 total downloads extrapolated for the year
- » Price: based on 80p per download (VAT to be added) x number of agreed downloads for the year
- » Who pays? NHS in England
or AHSN (total price divided by 15)

- » Negotiations with:
 - › Springer – Full Collection
 - › OUP – Medical Collection
 - › Nature PG – Nearly all titles on platform
 - › Annual Reviews – *Biomedical/Life Sciences Collection*
 - › AAAS – *Science Translational Medicine*

- » The problem? No funding

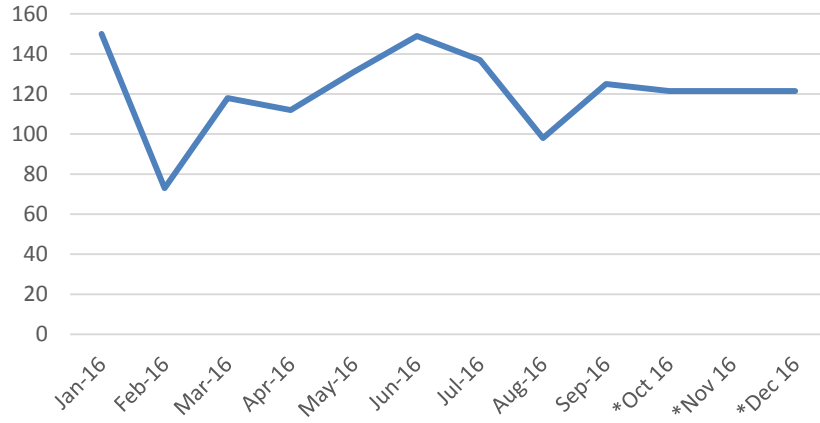
8. Recommendations

The pilot has shown that non-clinical content is used by researchers in the NHS. Jisc Collections and the Steering Group recommend that:

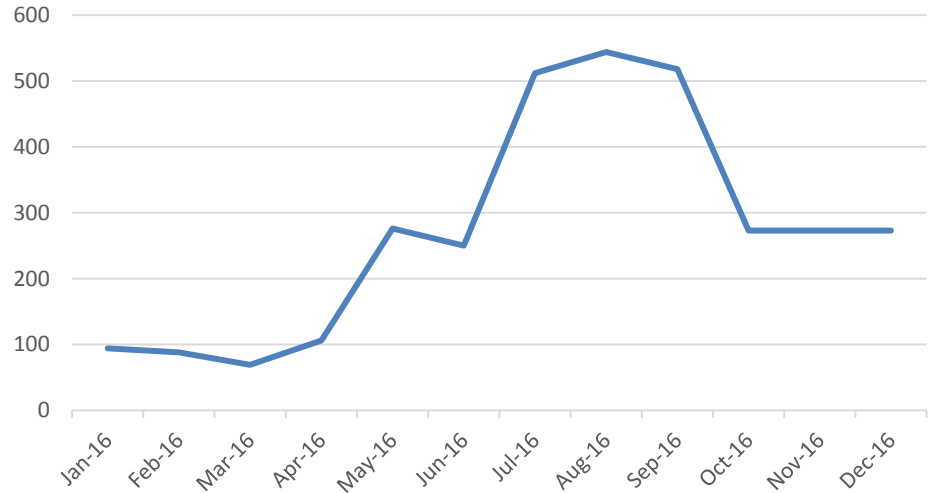
- Recurrent funding is provided at UK national level to support procurement of the content in the pilot for the NHS
- The business model discussed and accepted by the majority of publishers in this pilot is used as the basis of acceptable pricing
- AHSNs in England establish funding to opt into agreements as an alternative route to access content where national support is unavailable
- Jisc Collections offers an ordering, administration and licensing service to AHSNs in order to collect fees and pay publishers.
- That publishers provide access to the NHS via OpenAthens authentication or its preferred method in future
- Where usage by NHS users across the UK is very low compared to academic usage for the same content, for example below 3%, that publishers enable free access to the NHS in return for an administration fee, rather than for a content fee.

- » Some funds found from HEE, paid for:
 - › AAAS – *Science Translational Medicine* (April 2016 – March 2017)
 - › Annual Reviews - *Biomedical/Life Sciences Collection* (April 2016 – March 2017)
 - › Annual Reviews –back file (one time payment)
 - › Accessible directly at publisher's site, or via NICE/HDAS

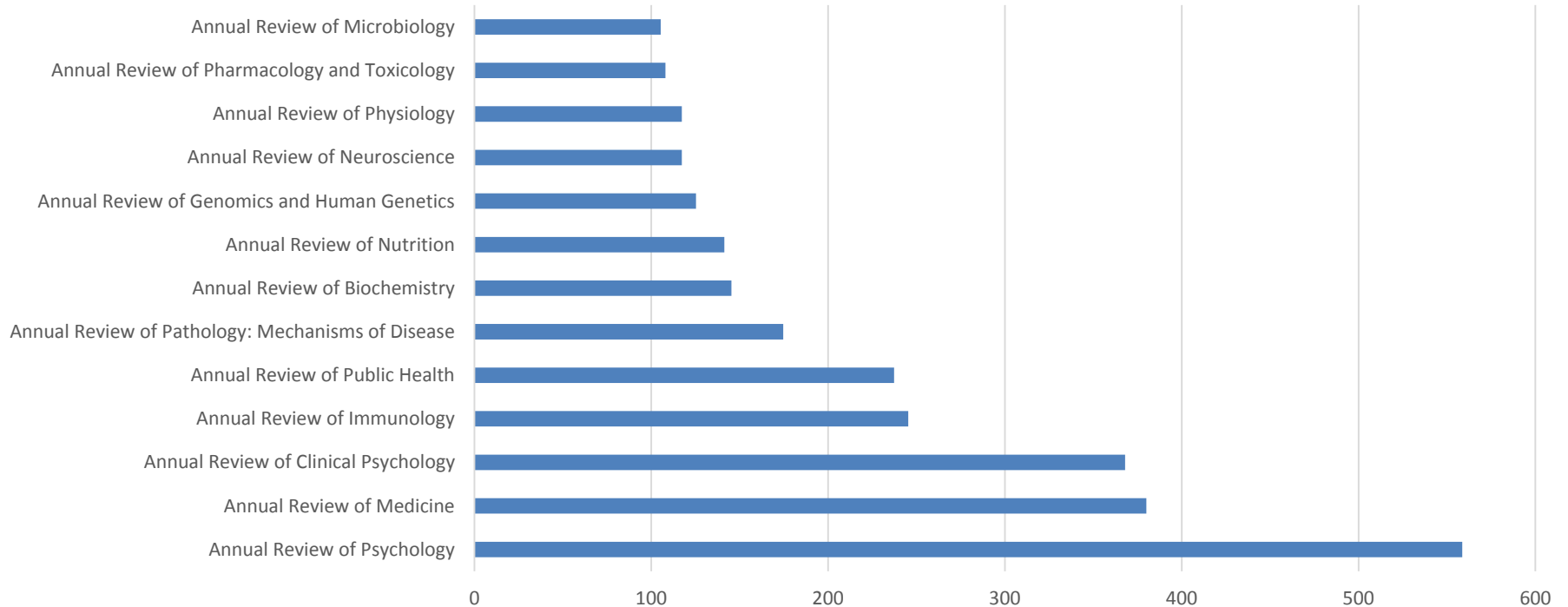
AAAS STM Usage



Annual Reviews Usage - 2016



Annual Reviews - Top 12 Title Used (100+ downloads in 2016)



» Annual Reviews (48 titles)

- › Jan – Sept 2016 total usage (9 months): 2457
- › 15 months extrapolated (Jan 2016 – March 2017): 4095
- › Average cost per download: \$1.99/ £1.61

» AAAS/*Science Translational Medicine* (1 title)

- › Jan – Sept 2016 total usage (9 months): 1093
- › 15 months extrapolated (Jan 2016 – March 2017): 1822
- › Average cost per download: \$2.22/ £1.79

A photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop in a library. The background is filled with bookshelves, creating a bokeh effect. The laptop is open, and the person is holding a piece of paper. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a modern library environment.

Jisc

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

- » Published by Wiley for Cochrane
- » National England agreement paid by NICE
- » NICE is negotiator and Contract Manager for England
- » Increasing amounts of Open Access content
- » Decreased funding from NICE
- » How to sustain a national England agreement?

- » Cochrane wants to move to an OA model by 2020
 - › Jisc ran a survey to understand UK HEI institutional views and funding support: 'Are you essentially in favour of the HE sector supporting the core mission of Cochrane to move to an Open Access model by 2020?'
 - 88 responses: 79 Yes, 9 It depends
 - » Access for UK HE is via the England national agreement
 - » NICE is negotiating with reduced funding to maintain **England-wide** access to Cochrane Systematic Reviews, published by Wiley
 - › Wales and Scotland (NES) have separate agreements
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- » NICE is looking for contributions from HE to make up the deficit in their funding over 3 years from April 2017 (to 2020)
 - » Wiley is unable to provide a breakdown of usage by NHS, HEI and public.
 - » Use from the HE sector (outside HE students and staff working in the NHS) is considered good.
 - » A willingness to keep a national agreement
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- » NICE is still negotiating with Wiley
- » Jisc Collections is about to undertake another survey to find out how much HEIs with and without medical schools would be prepared to contribute to maintain the national agreement negotiated by NICE

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a white rectangular card. The card is held between the thumb and the index, middle, and ring fingers. The card contains contact information for Carolyn Alderson.

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