

NHS and social care subscription resources update

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Post Finch Pilot

- April 2014 – March 2015
 - Access to journals from participating publishers was opened up to UK NHS staff
 - eight publishers (AAAS, Annual Reviews, Elsevier, IOP, Nature, OUP, RSC, Springer)
 - authentication via IP and/or OpenAthens
 - still waiting for final report, but negotiations continue between JISC, publishers and various bodies in NHS England

Situation in Scotland

- Wider range of provision at national level via The Knowledge Network than for NHS in other parts of UK
- Existing collaboration between NES and SHEDL
 - joint deal for access to Karger titles
 - agreement for paralleled access (rather than formal participation) with Wiley for journals



What's stopping us?

- While important, health and social care are just a part of the subjects for which HEIs in Scotland provide resources
- Not all HEIs offer courses in health and social care
- We have different financial year starts
- The two sectors have pre-existing contracts in place



But we have made a start

- Joint deal with Karger
- NES are about to issue tender documents for supply of information resources to the Knowledge Network's previous user group (health and social care in Scotland) plus Scottish HEIs
- Contract for two new services (BMJ Best Practice and Dynamed Plus) includes HEI access as a trial.



Some numbers

- Of 14 publishers with whom NES has current subscriptions, 7 also have 10 Scottish HEIs as customers, another 2 have 8 of them as customers
- Expenditure in HEIs with these publishers is over £6 million – NES spend around £750,000 –
- Estimated overlap in users in HEIs and HSC (health and social care sector) is around 45,000 – 50,000 (2012 report)
- Estimate of duplication in journal provision – 50% of titles (2012 report)



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