

Content update: Licence extension models

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Licence extension models: some background

Previous efforts to provide joint licensing of e-resources across the university-health service divide in England had met with varying degrees of success. However, one licensing model, as adopted by the London Medical Schools Group (LMSG), had produced benefits over the previous decade. This was based on the principle of extending licences held by the universities to include NHS staff at affiliated NHS Trusts.

With the links between the universities and affiliated NHS organisations becoming even stronger through Academic Health Science Centres (AHSCs), the drive for LMSG-type licensing initiatives was unlikely to diminish. The scene was set for a pilot which was announced in February 2011.



AHSC Pilot 2011-2013

“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.”

<http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/News/New-pilot-project-looks-to-develop-licensing-models-for-Academic-Health-Science-Centres/>

All of the publishers granted this extended access at no additional cost for 2011; four publishers extended the pilot to end of May 2012; one continued to end of 2012 and two continued into 2013 (April and May respectively).



Working Group on Expanding Access to Published Research Findings

Chaired by Dame Janet Finch, a Working Group on Expanding Access to Published Research Findings was set up to examine how UK-funded research findings could be made more accessible

The group produced its report in June 2012 (“The Finch Report”)

<http://www.researchinfonet.org/publish/finch/>

Identified key actions relating to

- open access and hybrid journals
- **extensions to licensing (HE-wide; HE+health; walk-in access in public libraries)**
- repositories

Stressed these mechanisms are not mutually exclusive and proposed a mixed model



The Finch Report

- “In the health sector, there is scope for increasing and rationalising arrangements for licensed access across the NHS, and greater co-ordination with the HE sector... Providing access to all relevant journals for all those who work in the NHS would cost relatively little on top of what is already spent on licences.”

<http://www.researchinfonet.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Finch-Group-report-FINAL-VERSION.pdf>
- “With the publication of the Finch Report, the issue of **extending access to licensed content** to the health sector has been highlighted and recommended hence the work undertaken during the AHSC Pilot will prove a good foundation for considering possibilities going forward. With the publication of the Finch Report, the issue of extending access to licensed content to the health sector has been highlighted and recommended hence the work undertaken during the AHSC Pilot will prove a good foundation for considering possibilities going forward.”

<http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/Reports/AHSC-Pilot-Report-August-2012/>



The Finch Report one year on

- 10. We look forward to the full launch of the public libraries initiative, and recommend that publishers and public librarians, with the help of their colleagues in universities, consider how to market it effectively, and to provide high-quality guidance material.
- 11. We welcome the work that Jisc is doing to investigate **options for extensions to licensing**

<http://www.researchinfonet.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Final-version.pdf>



The Finch Report one year on: public libraries

Publishers... have been taking steps to implement their proposal to provide walk-in access to journals in public libraries across the UK. The Publishers Licensing Society (PLS) has worked with public library representatives and technology partners to launch a technical pilot to run in ten local authorities for three months from September 2013. Provided that this pilot reveals no fundamental problems, the intention is that publishers should make their content available through the initiative for an initial two-year period starting in December.



The public libraries “access-to-research” initiative

- The Public Libraries Initiative launched as a technical pilot on Monday 9 September 2013. It has been being trialled by ten local authorities across over 250 libraries.
- The technical pilot is ending at the beginning of December. It will then be followed by a full two-year pilot across the entire UK. During the pilot period, data on demand and usage will be gathered and analysed. This will be used to inform decisions about how to proceed with the service over the long term.
- PLI has been facilitated by the Publishers Licensing Society and Proquest with the support of publishers (represented by the Publishers Association and the Association for Learned and Professional Society Publishers) and public libraries (represented by the Society for Chief Librarians).
- Several major publishers have already opted in to PLI and others are expected to join during the pilot phase.
- <http://freetoviewjournals.pls.org.uk/>



The Finch Report one year on: access for NHS staff

Jisc is exploring options to extend university licences so that they allow for access to NHS staff. The reorganisation of the NHS in England has hindered progress, but a trial is planned to start in April 2014, with the key aim of assessing levels of usage.

We welcome Jisc 's plans to launch, with the help of external funding, a one-year pilot with a range of publishers to test the feasibility of extending HE licences so that they provide access to NHS staff.



The JISC Collections initiative

- Jisc Collections invited identified NESLi2 publishers to engage in a one-year free trial period to extend access to NESLi2 academic research content licensed for the UK academic sector to NHS users. For this one-year period, funding would be made available to publishers to enable Athens and IP set-up, ongoing maintenance and usage data collection and analysis.
- A level of funding has been established and will be made available to selected publishers to provide the administration of the pilots.
- The results of the trial will inform Jisc Collections, publishers and NHS libraries about future decisions about relevant access and/or pricing models for NHS users to extend the existing Jisc Collections' NESLi2 licence agreements.
- The publishers approached are listed at:
<https://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/News/NHS-ITT-Issued/>



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