

Annex E - A spreadsheet of licensed electronic material and their access permissions at the LSE Library: Project Overview

Aim of the project

To produce and maintain an up to date record of the numerous electronic resources subscribed to by the library and their access requirements and methods. The provision of e-access is an area of rapid growth and the complex, variable nature of licence agreements means there is little consistency in how access is attained. The NESLi Model Licence for Journals initiative (<http://www.nesli2.ac.uk/model.htm>) has helped to a certain extent by proposing a negotiable standard for access agreements. However for every publisher/supplier who accepts these terms, there are multiple examples of variable agreements with accompanying restrictions.

It is anticipated that by having a licence database, the following will be possible at LSE Library:

- Enable ILL staff to readily determine if an ILL request is in fact available for downloading
- Facilitate the introduction of a new citation linking system (LinkFinder Plus)
- Inform users (depending on their status), more readily, which part of our electronic collection they are entitled to access. Ideally, we anticipate the ability to provide a “single sign-on” for users accessing our resources. An analysis of licence terms and conditions would be of enormous benefit to this project by providing a pure distillation of their user profile.
- Monitoring changes to licence agreements that may affect the services that we provide and in addition monitor the level to which suppliers accept the use of proxy servers.

These are just a few examples of specific uses for this project and is by no means exhaustive.

Joanne Walker
Lisa Cardy
June 2004