

Case for Direct Award – full-text fulfillment tool for the NHS in England - LibKey from Third Iron

Health Education England has a system leadership role in enabling access to library and knowledge resources by the NHS workforce in England.

A key objective for Health Education England is to maximise access to full-text of NHS-funded and licensed and open access resources via the very wide range of discovery interfaces used by healthcare staff in England.

The following functionality and capability is required:

- Full integration with the EBSCO Discovery Service as deployed nationally for the NHS in England
- Deployment across 280 organisational accounts/185 NHS library services by end September 2021
- Provision from within the national Discovery Service of an enhanced, browsable national A-Z journals list and single-click links to licensed and open access full-text articles featuring journal cover images and 'view complete issue' table of content links
- Single-click links to licensed and open access full-text articles from a very wide range of search platforms, including but not limited to bibliographic databases from third party suppliers, PubMed, TripPro, Google Scholar, Semantic Scholar and Wikipedia
- DOI/PMID look-up
- An optional browser-extension compatible with, as a minimum, Chrome, Firefox and Edge, but capability of delivering an improved user experience and greater full-text fulfillment without dependence on local deployment of browser extension to NHS-managed computers, as this is not currently possible at all sites

We understand that Third Iron is uniquely able to provide this functionality and capability using LibKey and hereby give notice of our intention to award the contract to Third Iron.