

General Memorandum of Agreement

between

The Trustees of the National Library of Scotland

and

The Faculty of Advocates

Introduction

The Trustees of the National Library of Scotland ('NLS') and the Faculty of Advocates ('the Faculty') seek to work together with the common aim of maintaining, preserving and providing access to the published record of the UK and Scotland, especially through their rights and privileges under Legal Deposit. In particular, the parties recognise that, although owned by them respectively, the legal deposit materials held pursuant to Acts of Parliament form part of a single national resource.

General

1. In connection with matters arising out of this Memorandum, NLS and the Faculty agree:
 - a) To consult each other on matters of common or shared interest.
 - b) To formulate such operational procedures as may be necessary.
 - c) To provide such information to each other as may reasonably be requested.
 - d) To hold an annual meeting to review the operation of this Memorandum.
 - e) To act in good faith.

Access to Collections

2. The Faculty agrees to make law material (in whatever format) received by it under Legal Deposit available for public consultation at NLS.

3. The Faculty may make other collections of the Advocates Library available for public consultation at NLS. This is subject to exceptions in respect of certain court papers and purchased conference proceedings.
4. So far as reasonably practicable, material held by the Faculty will be made available to NLS customers in accordance with NLS customer service standards.
5. So far as reasonably practicable, NLS will make its collections available to readers in the Advocates Library in accordance with NLS customer service standards. This excludes maps, manuscripts, rare printed material, newspapers, open access reference materials and licensed digital content, where the terms of the license do not permit such access. Members of Faculty will be entitled to consult such excluded material in accordance with normal NLS rules within the appropriate NLS Reading Room.
6. Material forming part of the Library at Abbotsford to which those responsible for its management grant access to members of the public will be made available to those members of the public under supervised access at NLS.

Collection Management

7. The Faculty will prepare and agree with NLS a selection policy to assist the selection of appropriate Legal Deposit law material for transmission to the Faculty.
8. The Faculty will provide reasonable standards of storage, handling and treatment for all legal deposit material (in whatever format), transmitted by NLS to the Faculty.
9. NLS and the Faculty will agree arrangements for the storage, preservation of and access to electronic law material, to which the Faculty is entitled.

22 December 2011

Signed.....

Richard S Keen QC, Dean of Faculty, on behalf of the Faculty of Advocates

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Martyn Wade, National Librarian and Chief Executive of the National Library of Scotland, on behalf of the Trustees of the National Library of Scotland