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An Overview of Electronic Legal Deposit (UK)

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1801 Trinity becomes UK Legal Deposit Library for print material

- British Library, National Library of Scotland, National Library of Wales
- Bodleian Library Oxford, Cambridge University Library, Trinity College Dublin Library
- 55,000 monographs and 34,500 serial parts items per year into Trinity via this route

2003 UK legislation for Electronic Legal Deposit

- Also termed 'non-print' legal deposit
- Predicated on the preservation of the UK's national published output

2013 UK enabling legislation for Electronic Legal Deposit

- Implementation of significant technical and organizational challenges
- Not all publishers are/will publish their materials electronically
- Where a publication is only available in print, Trinity will continue to receive that format

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Implementation of 2013 UK enabling legislation for Electronic Legal Deposit

- Extensive negotiation between publishers and libraries
- Unprecedented digital infrastructure designed and built. Four nodes in the National Libraries; the University Libraries access content via nodes
- Significant technical, work flow, metadata, fiscal, resource challenges being overcome

At January 2018, there are;

- Over 208,000 e-books, with about 500 new e-book titles added every week
- 2.8 million e-journal articles now accessible
 - c.1,250 more e-journal titles new to the Library from major UK academic publishers
- 10.5 million archived UK websites
 - a unique source in Ireland
- Access to Digital Ordnance Survey mapping for UK & Northern Ireland

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Current developments

- Increased functionality for searching geospatial data of UK Ordnance survey maps
- Work on emerging formats

Next steps

- Legislative
 - Review of 2003/13 legislation by UK Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport in 2018
 - Libraries and Publishers are submitting separate recommendations
 - Libraries' recommendations includes open access to Legal Deposit UK web archive
- Technical
 - Implementation of current formats largely resolved
 - Development of digital infrastructure and preservation dependent on British Library technical resources

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Issues under UK legislation

Access and usage at Trinity

- Under UK legislation, e-legal deposit material can only be accessed from the premises of a legal deposit library

Trinity's response

- Introduction of pilot 'Reader's Choice' to acquire material identified by readers
 - 200 print books and 300+ e-books purchased in first 3 months of pilot
- Investigation of Oxford & Cambridge, resulting in increased access points
 - Originally Berkeley, Lecky, Ussher, Hamilton, Stearne libraries
 - Now includes Manuscript & Archive and Early Printed Books reading rooms and 24 hour Kinsella Hall; 1937 post-graduate reading room underway

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Issues of Irish Digital Deposit

- Trinity is one of the 13 Irish Legal Deposit Libraries
- It receives print material published under the Irish Republic Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000
- In May 2017, the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht undertook a public consultation on the extension of Irish legal deposit to digital material
- Trinity is being very supportive of this extension, as highlighted in the Library Strategy 2015-2020 and with substantive input to Copyright legislation by Professor Eoin O'Dell
- Trinity submitted a variety of responses to the consultation:
<https://www.chg.gov.ie/arts/culture/projects-and-programmes/public-consultation-legal-deposit-of-published-digital-material>