St Mary's University Twickenham Library Statement of Public Task

1. Background

Library vision

We will provide the resources, collections, technology and learning support to enable students to flourish, seeking innovative ways to use our resources to enhance and transform learning. Our resources will improve to enable us to provide physical and virtual environments which will inspire students to succeed. St Mary's will be able to reach a wider variety of students studying from remote locations, collaborating with each other and external partners.

The vision is delivered within the context of St Mary's University's mission and corporate strategy.

2. Public Task
St Mary's Library provides library support to students and staff at the University in many different ways:

- we provide learning support and general library and IT assistance
- we support research at the university and provide advice and support for scholarly communication (E.g. open access, research data management)
- we manage the subscriptions for electronic resources and acquire books, e-books, and other items to ensure that our students have access to the information that they need to be successful
- we are responsible for the University's online Library Management System, which records the location and usage of items in library stock, and manages the fines system for late returns
- we collect and provide data for the SCONUL annual statistical return
- we are responsible for services that enable our users to discover our resources
- We support and train staff in the use of library and information management tools
- We manage the University's intranet sites for students and staff
- we manage the library collection to ensure currency and relevancy
- we operate and manage physical library spaces to provide students with environments that are conducive to academic study

St Mary's Library's public task is to provide these services to university staff and students. Services provided to others, such as members of the public, fall outside of this remit and are, therefore, outside of the scope of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015. Only material held in St Mary's Libraries covered by the Collection Development Policy falls within the public task.

3. Access and Licensing
Much of the data that we use is collected centrally by St Mary's University for use by all Schools and Services of the University. The University is not required to make this data available for re-use under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015. Data collected and created by St Mary's Library is done so in accordance with our public task.

All information held as part of the Library's public task is available for re-use under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, subject to third-party rights or other confidentialities.

This statement is regularly reviewed. If you have any queries about this public task statement or would like to challenge it, please contact us at library@stmarys.ac.uk

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