

Illegal downloading and filesharing

The illegal downloading, or filesharing or distributing (e.g. p2p), of copyrighted, obscene, or illegal material - such as music, video, films, software, computer games and books - over the University network and wireless network is in breach of the University's

Conditions for using IT Facilities - see www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/documents/policy-zone-information-policies/DIT_cond-IT.pdf.

Students should be aware that:

"Breaches of these Conditions will be dealt with under the appropriate University disciplinary procedures and may, where it is alleged that the offence has occurred under any current UK or Scots law, be reported to the Police."

[Conditions for using IT Facilities, section 12]

Network traffic (via the proxy, classroom and networked PCs, and the wireless network) is regularly monitored and IT Services will investigate any such breach and take appropriate action where necessary.

Penalties

First offence

- You will be **notified by email** that the breach has been detected.
 - A copy of the email will also be sent to your Personal Tutor/Supervisor/Advisor of Studies/year coordinator (MBChB)/Regent/Head of School.
- At the same time as the email is sent out, **access to the wireless network (ResNet and Eduroam) will be suspended**.
 - You will still be able to use classroom PCs.
- You are required to **sign the form** attached to the email to acknowledge the breach and to confirm that you understand the consequences of further breaches.
 - Your **signature must be witnessed** by your Personal Tutor/Supervisor/Advisor of Studies/year coordinator (MBChB)/Regent/Head of School.
- The form must be returned to the address provided, and **by the deadline** stated, at the foot of the form.
 - Failure to return the completed form before the deadline will result in **all access to all IT facilities being suspended**. Once the completed form is returned, access will be restored.
- Wireless access will be partially restored - **access will be restricted to a limited set of sites for four months** from the date the form is returned to allow access for academic studies.
 - **Do not attempt to circumvent the restricted access to the wireless network by using another user's account name and password**. This will be considered a second breach of the Conditions for using IT Facilities

by you, and the other user will also have committed a breach by allowing you to use their user name and password.

Second Offence

- An immediate **£100 fine**.
- Immediate **suspension of all access to all IT facilities** for **7** days.
- On restoration of access to IT facilities, your **wireless access will be restricted to a limited set of sites for six months**.

Third Offence

- **Referral to University Disciplinary Committee.**
- **Immediate suspension of your account and therefore access to all IT facilities** until the outcome of the referral to the Disciplinary Committee