Self-Managed Desktop Systems

Desktop systems will continue to be managed by IT support staff wherever possible but in a few cases permission may be given for a user to manage their own system where a real technical need has been demonstrated. To ensure the security of the departmental network and reliability of services offered to other staff and students, it is essential that any such system be reconfigured in the following ways

1. The system will be reloaded and then moved onto a part of the network separated from managed systems.
2. The system will not be included in the authentication infrastructure and all local accounts including those created by the designated user will be for the exclusive use of the designated user and no others. No accounts will be shared.
3. The system will only be used as a standalone system. Only the single designated system user will have access to the system (by any means) and to any connected resources. Any network services provided (e.g. ssh and scp) will be for the sole use of the designated user and no others.

The designated user must assume that IT staff have no involvement in the running of the system and he/she will take full responsibility for

1. the installation and maintenance of the operating system installed on the system.
2. the installation and maintenance of all applications on the system.
3. data security on the system, including backups of the system data.
4. compliance with all Departmental, University and JANET policies relating to IT use.
5. Legality of the system including licensing, copyright etc.

Compliance with the rules and policies will be entirely the responsibility of the designated user and IT support staff will not be implicated in any incident related to a self-managed system.

The designated user must be familiar with the University ICT rules and regulations <http://www.ict.ox.ac.uk/oxford/rules/> regarding the maintenance and management of IT systems connected to the University network and follow these at all times.

Basic IT support will continue to be given for connection to central IT Services as described in the Physics Department IT Service Level Agreement Description.

To be signed by the designated user

My signature here certifies that I understand and accept the responsibilities and restrictions listed above, particularly the need to follow University ICT rules and regulations at all times. I also understand that any breaking of the terms of this agreement will result in removal of the option to self-manage.

Signed:………………….. (Designated user for machine ASOSXnn)

Approval from HoSD:……………………………………. Date:…………………………...