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University of Edinburgh early adopter proposal for N3 JANET Gateway

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Background

- The University runs postgraduate courses in collaboration with the NHS
- Course participants (and lecturers) are often NHS staff
- Issues
 - Poor access to CPD courses
 - Poor access to materials
 - Poor uptake of efficient tools for learning, collaboration and discussion
 - Course participants fall behind or drop out

Target issues

- Virtual learning environments
 - Course materials, timetables, assessments, communication mechanisms
 - Bandwidth and email protocol
- eJournals
 - Readings and scholarly resources
 - Authentication mechanisms
- Virtual meeting rooms
 - Real time tutorials and discussions
 - Real Time Messaging Protocol

Current progress

- Proposal accepted but not yet implemented
- Good partnership with IT contact in Lothian NHS
- Reconfiguration of our proxy server for library resources has been necessary (reduction of ports used from 1000s to 1)
- Aim to have implementation in time for 2008-09 academic session