

Joint procurement of content rejuvenated?

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Possible models for the future (1)

November 2009

Academic Health Science Centre model, including the model of Biomedical Research Units as well as teaching hospitals – based on close links between the medical school and the hospital(s).

In this model, the academic institution is at the centre, and procurement may well be negotiated by the academic institution. The pressure for enhanced access might arise as a result of research priorities common to the organisations involved.



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Possible models for the future (2)

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Procurement cycle alignment in the NHS. In NHS England, the re-procurement of the core content resources is about to begin...

In this model, the NHS organisation is at the centre. The choice of resources here might arise from the needs of clinical practice. As Peter Hill suggested:

“Whilst the NHS ... should determine, by discussion and agreement, what the national core content should be, there would be great advantages in the NHS and HE working together on joint procurement.”

Hill P. Report of a national review of NHS health library services in England: from knowledge to health in the 21st century. NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement; 2008 Mar. At: http://www.library.nhs.uk/nlhdocs/national_library_review_final_report_4feb_081.pdf (Accessed 19 November 2009).



Progress since November 2009 (1)

Academic Health Science Centre model

- JISC Collections led
- A workshop with selected suppliers is being planned
- A possible pilot project is to be discussed to make available their content to AHSCs for a period of one year
- The pilots will consider
 - The impact of wider access for AHSCs on usage of electronic resources currently available only within an HEI
 - The administrative issues involved in making resources available
 - The licensing issues associated with wider access
 - Suitable metrics for future pricing for AHSCs



Progress since November 2009 (2)

Procurement cycle alignment model

- SHALL, NHS Evidence and JISC Collections are potential players
- Very early exploratory discussions took place at the April 2010 SHALL Content and Collections Group meeting
- All parties remain very interested in the idea of aligning supplier negotiations, procurement processes and timescales in order to make joint procurement much easier in future



...but questions of sustainability remain

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Example: The London Medical Schools Group has agreements with publishers that cover up to 56.7% of London NHS staff in Trusts affiliated to the medical schools. NHS London's eKAT has extended the agreement with the BMJ Publishing Group for access to the Drug & Therapeutics Bulletin and with Ovid for access to the Lippincott Total Access Collection for all non-affiliated Trusts and APA PsycARTICLES for all mental health Trusts in London.

Example: UCL Library Services agreement with BMJ Publishing Group for access to Best Health, Clinical Evidence and Drug & Therapeutics Bulletin; with Ovid for access to 47 Books@Ovid, the Lippincott Total Access Collection and APA PsycARTICLES; with Mary Ann Liebert for access to the MAL journals.



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