

# Content Update

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# NHS developments

## NHS

- 2006-07 has been a difficult year
- Re-organisation of structures to support NHS libraries and information provision
- Workforce Development Confederations merged into Strategic Health Authorities
  - Differing roles and personnel

# NHS developments

- ❑ NHS funding streams
  - ❑ Central funding streams to HE
    - ❑ Now being paid into NHS Trusts
    - ❑ Some monies which were directed to library support now being retained by Trusts
    - ❑ Funding levels to HE for library provision to NHS for 2007-08 still uncertain

# NHS

## National Library for Health

- <http://www.library.nhs.uk/forlibrarians/communication/nlhboard>
- Being reviewed by the Department of Health in Summer 2007
  - NLH Board overseeing the process
- Sir Muir Gray has approached JISC to propose
  - Joint technical development with HE
  - Possible joint procurement of content
- Procurement decisions to be taken after the Review?

# NHS-HE Forum Content Group

## ❑ NHS-HE Forum Content Group

- ❑ Involved in the Review through membership of the NLH Board
- ❑ Study on the barriers and opportunities for joint content activity published
  - ❑ *Procurement of electronic content across the UK National Health Service and Higher Education sectors* by Siân Spink and Andrew Cox
  - ❑ Linked at <http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/content.html>
- ❑ Provides a roadmap to support future work

# NHS-HE Content Group

- ❑ Via the JISC Collections Team
  - ❑ Talking to NHS England and Sir Muir Gray about the joint procurement of *one* piece of content
  - ❑ Cochrane database of systematic reviews is possible purchase
  - ❑ <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/mrwhome/106568753/WhatAreSystematicReviews.html>
  - ❑ Content important to both researchers and to practitioners in the NHS
  - ❑ HE and NHS procurement cycles need to be aligned to make the procurement work
  - ❑ And funding identified from both HE and NHS silos

## Next Steps: UK-wide procurement?

- ❑ UK still in a position where different sectors purchase content separately
- ❑ UK HE spends around £90 million per annum on journals
- ❑ JISC deals via the Journals Working Group represent only 11.22% of that spend
  - ❑ 13 publishers
- ❑ NHS purchases separately in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland



## Next Steps: UK-wide procurement?

- Do discussions between NHS England and the JISC
  - Offer an opportunity to think out of the box?
  - If more parties come to the table, will the saving to the public purse be greater?
  - Challenge to publishers to negotiate cross-sectorally
  - How do you identify the right price?
  - And the clientele?
- Some European countries have negotiated across sectors
- Watch this space

## And finally...

- Happy to answer questions, hear comments