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NHS-HE Connectivity Best Practice Working Group

Terms of Reference 2012/13

1. The working group is created at the request of the NHS-HE Forum and is based on a team of individuals coming together to achieve a joint task without any delegated executive responsibility. The work in 2012/13 builds on the successful outcome of the work that culminated in resources being made available via www.nhs-he.org.uk in November 2011.
2. It will be a task and finish group with the aim of finishing its work by the NHS-HE Forum at the end of November 2013, with interim reports to the November 2012 and May 2013 NHS-HE Forum meetings and as many resources released to the community as soon as ready in-between.
3. The objective is to identify and share best practice in NHS-HE connectivity as it applies in the UK and to assist with its promulgation. This will include streams broadly in line with the following themes:
 - Access directly from NHS desktops
 - How the NHS and HE can network securely
 - Use of terminal services
 - Information Governance and Data Sharing
 - Procedures and Policies around all these things.
4. In addition the following two elements have been added for the activity this time:
 - Influencing relevant national policy where it impacts significantly on NHS-HE connectivity e.g. the N4 programme to replace N3
 - Finding out the state of NHS-HE connectivity in the wider community
5. The best practice case studies, examples and guidelines will be published at least on <https://community.ja.net/groups/nhs-he-forum-connectivity-project/article/nhs-he-connectivity-best-practice-working-group> but the group will also look for other channels.
6. The working group will be facilitated by the NHS-HE Coordinator at Janet. There will be an initial physical meeting and possibly others interspersed with most business of the working group by teleconference and email.