

NHS-HE Procurement

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Moves for Joint Procurement

- ❑ 21st September 2005
- ❑ Procurement meeting took place between
 - ❑ JISC
 - ❑ National Core Content Group
 - ❑ National Knowledge Service (NKS)
 - ❑ regarding the participation of NHS England in the proposed joint licensing of
 - ❑ Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins (LWW) journals and support of Public Library of Science (PLoS)

Moves for Joint Procurement

- HE supported both deals
- NHS said
 - PLoS proposal is potentially supportable by NKS because it meets NKS strategic aims and may be affordable. A funding bid will therefore be submitted to NKS
 - The LWW proposal is not supportable by NKS
 - No news from NKS yet on funding for PLoS deal

Moves for Joint Procurement

- Reasons for no LWW deal
 - Journals do not meet NKS quality standards for the reporting of clinical trials (CONSORT, Quorum etc)
 - The range of eligible users excludes a number of groups supported by NKS
 - The differential value of the journals to the NHS and the HE sector has not been included in the contract

Moves for Joint Procurement

- ❑ There is no provision for the FE sector to be included in the procurement
 - ❑ JISC had not included the FE sector because the Learning and Skills Council no longer funds the JISC's content activities
- ❑ The risk of double payment has not been addressed
- ❑ NHS procurements above £100,000 generally require open competition
- ❑ The NKS is fully committed to the principle of joint procurement provided this approach brings value to the NHS
- ❑ 2 years work by the NHS-HE Procurement Group has produced no tangible deliverable as yet...

Mapping Study

- Other work will be taken forward
 - Mapping Study of national and regional procurement activities in UK HE and the four NHS home countries
 - NHS LKDN (Library and Knowledge Development Network) will provide £10K
 - See <http://www.lkdn.nhs.uk/>
 - JISC seeking to provide matching funding
 - JISC will manage an ITT
 - NHS-HE Procurement Group will act as Project Board

Next steps

- ❑ **Meeting with JISC on 14 November 2005**
 - ❑ JISC still committed to joint procurement
 - ❑ NHS-HE Procurement Group will continue
 - ❑ On the ground, many NHS library and information staff are saying that they want joint deals
 - ❑ NHS-HE Procurement Group will try one more time
 - ❑ Possible deal with NHS England via National Core Content Group
 - ❑ Multi-professional content being identified
 - ❑ Working with three champions in NHS and on content provider side
 - ❑ Allied to procurement timetable of NCCG

Next steps

- Success?
 - We shall have to wait and see