

NHS-HE Forum

Notes and actions from the Eleventh Meeting on 9th November, 2006

1. Attendees

Prof Roland Rosner welcomed the 45 attendees as listed at:

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NHS-HE%20Forum%209th%20Nov%20Attending%20List%20for%20website.pdf>

2. Actions from previous meeting on 17th May, 2006

8.05	Draft statement for NHS-HE Forum to support Open Access Publishing <i>Paul Ayris not able to attend today but he has written a note to the Forum on this – see http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/Berlin%20Declaration%20on%20Open%20Access.pdf</i>
10.01	To pursue funding for the N3 JANET Gateway pilot proposal. <i>Funding has been secured from UKERNA for the national gateway part of the proposal.</i>
10.02	Meeting to be set up with CHERRI team, JISC and HE Academy subject centre to discuss how the CHERRI recommendations might be progressed. <i>A small informal group have been coordinated by JISC to help take the recommendations forward. A meeting has been set up with the chair of the Caldicott Guardian Council.</i>

3. Update from N3 JANET Gateway Working Group

Key points from Bob Day:

- Pressing ahead with an early adopter N3 JANET Gateway
- Pilot areas and services identified
- Hoping to be up and running by May 07

See presentation at

[http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NHS-HE%20Forum%209.11.06%20\(Bob%20Day\).pdf](http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NHS-HE%20Forum%209.11.06%20(Bob%20Day).pdf)

4. N3/NHS update

John Hemsley of BT gave a wide-ranging update on the N3 project to deliver a broadband network to the NHS in England and Scotland. They will meet contract numbers of N3 connections in England before the target date. Other services are coming on-stream eg N3 DSL service, Quality of Service with custom as well as standard rules, hosting & storage for NHS purposes.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/N3%20HE%20slides%20JH%20wo%20notes.pdf>

5. The Danish Health Network

Martin Bech of Uni-C in Denmark gave an overview of health messaging initiatives in Denmark and the creation of the Denmark Agreement System. Some other countries are already making use of this and others have expressed an interest. There is the potential to join an EU project proposal for wider propagation and development of the system.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/The%20Danish%20Health%20Network.pdf>

6. An overview of NHS-HE initiatives to support research in the UK

David Ingram provided an overview of the drivers, challenges and projects that are attempting to find a “win-win” interface between NHS Information Infrastructure and Clinical Research Information Infrastructure.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/HEForumNov9DI.pdf>

7. The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) information systems programme

Justin Riordan-Jones takes “Best Research for Best Health” as the context for the development of systems to support the NHS research community in the NHS in England. This is an ambitious project being implemented by the National Institute for Health Research. An initial focus is for an NIHR portal for researchers and research managers and there is currently a consultation on this. Justin would like more involvement from HE.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/20061109%20NHS%20HE%20Forum%20JRJ.pdf>

8. University of Nottingham and Nottingham Hospitals NHS Trust

David Valentine-Hagart described the Citrix solution installed over the internet for access to Nottingham University services from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. The Trust agreed to install the ICA clients as needed. David showed a movie to demonstrate what it is like to log on. There is a plan to help the Trust offer services in a similar way to clinical academic staff.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NHS%20HE%20Forum%209th%20November.ppt>

9. Experience in setting up new nursing courses at Sheffield Hallam University

Biddy Fisher and David Flatt described how they have tackled giving IT resources to nursing and midwifery students in South Yorkshire following Sheffield Hallam's winning of the contract. A Terminal Server approach has been taken and this has proved relatively straightforward.

See presentation at

http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NHS_HE%20nov%202006%20bmf%20df.pdf

10. The Leicester Multi-professional Education and Training (MPET) Centre development and IMPETUS (Infrastructure for MPET Using Shibboleth) project

Ian Bloor described this new build project between NHS and University partners around Leicester. A centre is planned that will bring together the various health professional groups for their training although the exact details have not been agreed. The use of shibboleth is being investigated as a potential enabling technology for this. Ian gave an overview description of shibboleth and how it might be applied in this project.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/shibtalk-9nov-1c.pdf>

11. Update from the Newcastle Shibboleth project

Tony McDonald and Caroline Ingram briefly described a proposed project to investigate the implications and opportunities of shibboleth working across the NHS-HE boundary. Further details will become available as and when the project is agreed with JISC.

12. National Library for Health and the work of the Technical Design Authority Group

Ian McKinnell described the work to create an Enterprise Architecture for the National Library for Health based on the Andy Powell design that has been used by JISC.

See presentation at:

http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NLH%20EA_overview_7.9.20061.pdf

13. Update on ATHENS account linking project and any comments on the written Content report.

Phil Leahy reported on the Athens "account linking" pilot and thanked those who had taken part. There were 44 users across 32 organisations who took part. It demonstrated that Athens account linking does work and can link 2 classic Athens accounts, a classic Athens account and a Devolved Athens account or a Shibboleth enabled account and a classic Athens account. There are some issues such as which account should have priority where they have overlapping resources. There are also some technical challenges to some service providers eg some allow only one organisation affiliation at

one time. EDUSERV are bidding for the NLH access management contract and how this might be taken forward will probably be resolved after the outcome is known.

There was no "Access to Content" update this time in the absence of Paul Ayriss. However he had provided a written report at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/Report%20from%20the%20NHS-HE%20Content%20Group%201106%20wo%20appendix%201.pdf>

There is also a copy of the "Joint Procurement" report and proposal to sign the Berlin Declaration on Open Access Publishing from <http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/9-nov-2006.html>

14. Closing Remarks

Prof Rosner asked whether the Forum meetings remained useful. It was agreed that they should carry on every 6 months. Chance for more discussion would be appreciated.

It was agreed that the communities served include:

- Health teaching & learning
- Health research
- Health libraries & knowledge management

The Forum looks to share solutions and experience and topic areas should include:

- Connectivity
- Policies & Governance
- Identity Management
 - Authorisation & Authentication (infrastructure & content issues)
 - "Single Sign On"
- Content
- Portals

15. Next meeting: May 2007 (later agreed as 10th May)

16. Action List

	ACTION	WHO
	No particular actions this time	