

## NHS-HE Forum

### Notes and actions from the Twelfth Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2007

#### 1. Attendees

Prof Roland Rosner welcomed the 30 attendees as listed at:

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/Attendees%20NHS-HE%20Forum%20100507.xls>

#### 2. Notes from previous meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2006

Apologies were given that these had only just become available. No actions were recorded.

#### 3. Update, including from the N3 JANET Gateway Project Board

Malcolm Teague particularly focused on the latest position with the Gateway project. There has been some slippage but the Gateway is expected to be in place for early adopters in July or August 2007.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NHS%20HE%20Forum%20100507%20MT.pdf>

#### 4. The London Connects Project with London Boroughs – any lessons for Education & Research?

Stephen Fellowes describes how the London Public Service Network (LPSN) operates within the London Grid for Learning and how all the London Boroughs have been agreed as one “Super Borough” for allowing social service access to N3. This is the first time this has been done, with one code of connection. The initial idea of a bespoke N3 Gateway was too expensive. They rethought what they were trying to do and put forward their own proposal to Connecting for Health and then worked through the governance issues. The Directors of Social Services in each Borough can sign off social services staff as having a requirement for N3 access. There are lessons for the NHS HE interface although the London Public Service Network has ownership of all the networks involved and there is no third party involvement in the governance arrangements. The governance documents are on the website

[http://www.londonconnects.gov.uk/extranet/london\\_public\\_services\\_network.cfm?cit\\_id=10421](http://www.londonconnects.gov.uk/extranet/london_public_services_network.cfm?cit_id=10421)

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/LPSN%20for%20UKERNA.pdf>

#### 5. The MRC e-Science Projects with specific example of PsyGRID

Unfortunately John Ainsworth was ill on the day but has kindly provided his presentation since for information. See presentation at <http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NHS-HE-Forum%20PSYGRID.pdf>

## **6. The NHS Plans for on-line Learning**

Phil Candy presented under the title "Learning to Use Technology; Using Technology to Learn". He is responsible for the Education, Training and Development (ETD) programme within NHS Connecting for Health. Although the support of the Connecting for Health programme is his remit, it is hoped that the work can be facilitated in to the NHS mainstream over time. The e-learning developments are part of the new National (UK) Alliance for E-learning in Health. There are a number of e-learning projects underway and there is an integrated programme of e-learning activities across the service for trainers, learners and EDT Managers.

It was noted that JISC are not part of the UK Alliance for E-Learning in Health, but the chair of it is from the University of Leicester.

See presentation at <http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/Learning%20to%20use%20Technology.pdf>

## **7. The UKCRC R&D Advisory Group with NHS Connecting for Health**

Prof Carol Dezateux spoke about the work of this advisory group and the context of the need and benefits of NHS patient data to clinical research. Four pilots that had been performed using NHS data for different types of clinical research: interventional clinical trial; surveillance eg for drug reactions; cohort (prospective) tracking and observational epidemiology. Prof Dezateux led the observational epidemiology pilot. The findings were due to be published by the Advisory Group (now available at <http://www.ukcrc.org/activities/infrastructureinthenhs/nhsitprogrammes/advisorygroup/researchsimulations.aspx> )

See presentation at <http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/UKCRC%20CfH%20%20presentation%20to%20NHS%20HE%20Forum%20May%2010th%202007%20web%20version.pdf>

## **8. The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) information systems programme - Update**

Justin Riordan-Jones outlined the latest programme structure and objectives for the NIHR information systems programme. The work can continue following the outcome of the Cooksey Review. A team is being recruited to support this major systems development. A preview was given of the NIHR portal. There is on-going thinking on the identity management aspects. There are HE representatives on the Benefit Groups.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/20070508%20NHS%20HE%20Forum%20JRJ.pdf>

## 9. Content Update

Paul Ayris outlined the difficulties faced by NHS libraries in 2006/07. There is a review of the National Library for Health by the Department of Health and major decisions on procurement will probably have wait until after that. However Sir Muir Gray on behalf of NLH has been in discussion with Malcolm Read at JISC about increased collaboration.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/NHS%20Forum%20Report%200507%20PA.pdf>

## 10. Identity Management Project

Carol Leonard from the University of Cardiff was to give a presentation about the JISC funded Identity Management project they are leading with the LSE. Unfortunately she was unable to make it due to ill-health. John Paschoud heroically agreed to present on this at 2 hours notice, many thanks!

As a result of the presentation it was identified that the on-line survey would be passed on for completion to the NHS ATHENS Administrators' group and be mentioned at the forthcoming meeting of the University Medical School Library Group (UMSLG) which Betsy Anagnostelis now chairs.

See presentation at

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

## 11. Update from the Newcastle Shibboleth project

Tony McDonald and Caroline Ingram were also planned to attend to update the Forum on an extension to their IAMSECT project, including a survey to specifically explore the issues at the NHS-HE boundary. However a train derailment prevented this. They kindly provided their presentation. This was also forwarded to the NHS ATHENS Administrators' group and the chair of UMSLG.

See presentation at

<http://www.nhs-he.org.uk/JISC%20FAM%20NHS-HE%20forum%20Thu%20May%2010%20with%20notes%202007.pdf>

## 12. Closing Remarks

Prof Rosner thanked everyone for attending and for their comments and interaction. It was agreed to have a further meeting in 6 months time.

**13. Next meeting:** November 2007 (to be arranged, later 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. agreed)