



# **NHS-HE connectivity**

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# Background

- Every HEI has NHS links
  - medical students in DGHs, GP practices etc.
  - academic staff with clinical roles
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  - HE role for PAMs
- Plethora of local 'solutions'
- Efforts at rationalisation over the years
  - turnover of NHS staff

# The Forum

- 6-monthly meetings
- RUGIT IT directors
- Chief Executive of UKERNA
- senior members of the NHS Information Authority
- academics in medical disciplines
- IM&T Directors from NHS Trusts
- Malcolm Read

# Activities

- problems of interconnectivity
  - security concerns
- access to information
- UKERNA and NHSIA joint document
  - NHS/JANET Architectures
  - Andrew Cormack (Chief Security Advisor at UKERNA)
  - principles and potential architectures
- pilot projects
- reports from activities around the country

# Proposal on NHS – HE Connectivity

- **To JISC and the NHSIA**
  - Roland Rosner (UCL), Robin Arak (UKERNA)
- **Coordination and support**
  - a connectivity website
  - model technical solutions and guidance notes
  - sizing the constituency, database of contacts
  - dissemination and public relations
  - assessment of the efficacy of the project
  - support for the NHS/HE Forum
- **A Coordinator**
  - £90k per annum - for two years in first instance
- **JISC approval for 50%, NHS share?**

# Content and access issues

- Parallel activity
- Working Group
  - involving CURL and JISC
- Licensing issues etc.

# Where next?

- NHS staff changes
- Separate connectivity and content groups?
- Broadband integration?
  
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