Wales Higher Education Libraries Forum

Programme to procure and implement a single LMS across key institutions in Wales

Benefits at the heart of the programme
WHELF Shared LMS Background

9 Universities

1 National Library

30 NHS Wales Libraries

In 2014
• operating 6 LMSs
• variety of discovery layers

Since 2016
• operating 1 LMS
• and 1 Discovery Layer
Benefits Focussed Programme

Pre-procurement
- Jisc funded feasibility study (2013)
- Anticipated benefits

Post procurement
- Jisc funded study (2017)
- Realised benefits

Rationale
- Framework for monitoring and reporting
- Independent validation
Financial Benefits

Lower supplier costs
- £76,000 in 2015/16
- £150,000 in 2016/17

Ongoing lower core subscription costs

Lower procurement costs
- £55,000

Lower costs for bespoke developments
- Translation (£19,700 per institution)
Non-financial Benefits

Pooling expertise
- Comprehensive and robust requirements
- Sharing knowledge and experience

High specification system across WHELF
- Smaller institutions able to afford a higher quality system

Bilingual front and back end interface
Operational Benefits

Cloud-based Next Generation System
- Software as Service with reduced burden on systems teams
- Better integration with other IT systems

Joined-up Working
- Functional groups developing shared work projects
- Sharing training, workflows, trouble shooting

Exercise buying muscle
- Opportunity for more consortial deals
The Future and Benefits

Benefits Focus invigorates the programme

Benefits Study validates the programme

Deeper and wider collaboration
- Coordinated enhancements process
- Analytics to benchmark
- Consistent cataloguing/shared catalogue
- Inter-lending to maximise resources

Continued benefits monitoring
- Monitor new opportunities
- Report on resources and service delivery

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