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The Archives Hub

Consortium name: Archives Hub

Prepared by: Jane Stevenson

Shared Services currently provided:	Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
	<p>The Jisc-funded Archives Hub (http://archiveshub.ac.uk) began in 1999 (official launch 2001) as a national aggregator for UK higher education archive descriptions. Since then it has expanded its remit to include all UK archives, with a focus on academic research. It is based at Mimas, a National Data Centre, within The University of Manchester, and development work is carried out by the University of Liverpool. The Archives Hub uses the Cheshire 3 software, and descriptions are in XML for archives, known as Encoded Archival Description (EAD).</p>	<p>The Archives Hub represents over 220 archives throughout the UK, providing the means to cross-search their descriptions. It has various search functions, including a regional search and sophisticated subject finder. The Hub enables unique sources to be brought together by person, subject and place, so that researchers can more easily locate and use them.</p> <p>We are a community-based service, offering information, advice and support to archivists in the creation of standards-based finding aids for the Web.</p> <p>We provide a unique 'EAD Editor' that enables contributors to use a form-based interface to create descriptions in XML (http://archiveshub.ac.uk/eadeditor/). We are also working on providing the means to take in descriptions from various archival management software,</p>	<p>The Archives Hub represents 134 University Archives, 18 college archives, 26 archives of institutions or organisations, 25 museum-based archives and 11 local authority archives. We take on new contributors at the rate of 2-3 per month at present, and data is added on a weekly basis.</p> <p>The number of descriptions viewed exceeds 200,000 per month and the number of searches on the Hub is around 80,000 per month.</p>

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and we provide an Excel template that can be converted into XML.

We are currently working on a low-cost means to enable contributors to maintain a local search/retrieve interface for their own data, using our API to feed the data in from the central data store.

We have led the way in the creation of RDF Linked Data for archives, and have provided full documentation for this on our 'Locah' blog: <http://archiveshub.ac.uk/locah/>

The Archives Hub is widely used by academics, postgraduates and other researchers, and it is heavily used by contributing institutions, both as an administrative tool and as a means to help researchers locate archives.

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CONUL (to be provided separately)

Consortium name: Consortium National University and Research Libraries (CONUL)

Irish University Association Librarians Group (IUALG)

Prepared by: Gobnait O’Riordan, Director, Library and Information Services, University of Limerick

Shared Services currently provided:	Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
Irish Research eLibrary (IReL) IUALG http://www.irelibrary.ie/	Nationally funded electronic research library to support STM established by IUALG in 2004 and expanded to incorporate HSS resources in 2006.	Consortium subscriptions to e journals, databases and limited selection of e books. Managed by IUALG through a company IRIS owned by the universities. IReL also manages Science Direct subscription for IUALG, DIT and Institutes of Technology.	IUALG full access Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland selected access. Access to 3 resources provided to other education institutes HEA requests wider public service involvement
Rian – Pathways to Irish Research IUALG http://rian.ie/en	Rian originated from an IUALG project funded by Government Strategic Investment Fund in 2007 to set up IR’s in each university which would be linked to a national portal. RIAN was launched in 2009.	An national portal for Open Access to Irish university research harvested from the university libraries institutional repositories	Initially the IUA libraries but extended to include DIT. Currently reviewing policy and operations following strong demand to include other education and research organisations
Academic and National	Cooperative founded in 1995 to identify training needs of member libraries and provide a training and development	Annual training programme developed and each member library takes responsibility to organises	National Library, IUA Libraries, 2 Northern Ireland University Libraries, RCSI, Dublin Institute of Technology

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<p>Library Cooperative (ANLTC) www.anltc.ie</p>	<p>programme. In 2013 ANLTC is being reconstituted as a sub group of CONUL</p>	<p>one event each year.</p>	
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Shared Services under development:	Development status	Function and scope	Reach
<p>Detailed Business plan, facilities requirements and budget completed. Seeking funding.</p>	<p>Shared storage facility proposal developed by National Library of Ireland and Trinity College Dublin with provision to accommodate storage of all CONUL Libraries</p>	<p>Originated from a CONUL feasibility study. Initiated by IUA but expanded to include CONUL. National Library and TCD proceeded with the project.</p>	
<p>Scoping document completed by IUA. Uploading of records to OCLC almost complete.</p>	<p>To provide federated access library catalogues to become a portal to the distributed national research collection.</p>	<p>IUA Libraries and extended to all CONUL libraries</p>	
<p>Feasibility study completed Requirements for an integrated approach completed. Project paused.</p>	<p>Shared delivery of LMS and ERMS, D2D</p>	<p>IUA Libraries</p>	

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The M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries

Consortium name: The M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries

Prepared by: John Tuck, Chair of M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries

Shared Services currently provided:	Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
cpd25	Originated in 2002; awarded CILIP seal of approval in 2007	To provide value for money staff development and training for all levels of library staff; to foster good practice amongst members and to facilitate exchange of experience	For all library staff of all 58 Consortium members and beyond
Search25	Had origins in InforM25 which was launched in 2001	New, JISC-funded, regional resource discovery tool, superseding InforM25 in 2012 and providing access to the library catalogues of up to 50 Consortium members. Facilitates library hopping for members of the M25 Consortium's libraries and provides details on access to those libraries	Members of the M25 Consortium's libraries through the SCONUL and M25 access schemes. Can be used as a discovery tool by anyone, anywhere.
Directors' Room and Staff Room	Directors' Room launched in 2009; Staff Room in 2010	Online communication and networking tools. Directors' Room enables discussion of issues and knowledge sharing in a confidential environment; Staff Room is a networking tool for all staff.	Directors' Room is for Directors only; Staff Room is for every member of staff throughout the Consortium libraries.

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M25 Consortium Access & Borrowing Scheme	Originated in 1999; in current guise since June 2004	With regard to HEIs, now superseded by SCONUL Access scheme. However, remains of great value to non HEI members of the Consortium	Open to non-HEFCE funded members of the Consortium to enable their research staff and students to access and borrow from all libraries within the M25.
Events as a Shared Service	Annual conference, 2010 -; annual networking event, 2005-	Important annual events bringing together a wide range of members from across the Consortium and beyond.	Open to all Consortium members – and externally in case of Annual conference.

Shared Services under development:	Development status	Function and scope	Reach
E-books (patron driven acquisition PDA)	Considering next steps following successful completion of E-BASS25 (E-Books Acquisition as a Shared Service) project funded by Jisc	E-BASS25 identified four PDA business models for e-books. Next step is to consider feasibility of a consortial PDA initiative run by the Consortium or via the Consortium	Would be accessible to institutions opting in to initiative
Customer Services	Customer Services Group set up in 2012	Aims are to: share knowledge of new developments in customer services; best practice; benchmarking etc – and to develop methods for improving customer service, especially where there is potential for active collaborative working	Consortium members and more widely to whole library community

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the Northern Collaboration

Consortium name: Northern Collaboration

Prepared by: Liz Jolly and Sue White

Shared Services currently provided:	Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
Pilot to start 1st May 2013: Shared out of hours virtual enquiry service in partnership with OCLC	Northern Collaboration is a group of twenty eight higher education libraries in the north of England formed in 2011 with the aim of providing a framework within which libraries can work together to improve the quality of services, to be more efficient, and to explore new business models.	<p>Pilot service will offer a first point of contact for library enquiries between 5pm and 9.00am Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>Enquiries entered using Question Point software widget on each library's website.</p> <p>Enquires will be dealt with by members of OCLC's Reference Co-operative.</p>	<p>Pilot with seven members of project group.</p> <p>If successful, will roll out to other interested members of the Collaboration.</p>

Shared Services under development:	Development status	Function and scope	Reach

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Exploration of Virtual Enquiry Services.	Initial pilot as above.	Data collection and analysis to assist with streamlining of processes and the possible development of new business models including shared and hosted services.	Northern Collaboration members who have expressed an interest.
Technical Services and Procurement, with a particular emphasis on procurement of e-resource.	Under development.	Currently considering: patron driven acquisition; mobile devices; e-measures and service standards.	Northern Collaboration members who have expressed an interest.
Development of the concept of the 'Library of the North'.	Under discussion.	To include development of reciprocal borrowing scheme for full time undergraduates (and to link, if possible, to SCONUL Access scheme).	Northern Collaboration members.
Development of the infrastructure and branding of the Northern Collaboration.	Under development. Proposal to pilot becoming regional sub-group of SCONUL to be discussed at Directors' meeting in June 2013.	Development of administrative support mechanisms to ensure effective working and optimise return on subscription. To ensure members can clearly advocate the added value of Northern Collaboration membership to their institutions.	Northern Collaboration members.
Bi-annual Directors' meeting	Next meeting June 2013	Considering topical strategic issues.	Northern Collaboration Directors.
Inaugural Northern Collaboration Conference: 'Collaboration: the	Planning underway.	To share best practice relating to collaborative approaches in service innovation and to	Northern Collaboration members and the HE

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New Academy' to be held in September 2013.		encourage Northern Collaboration staff to engage in the Collaboration's activities.	community.
Informal exchanges of experience.	Planning underway.	Raising awareness of topical issues and sharing good practice.	Northern Collaboration members especially middle managers and operational level staff.

Principles of the Northern Collaboration

1. Aims of the Northern Collaboration

The Northern Collaboration is a group of higher education libraries in the North of England. Against a background of rapid change in higher education and in the information and technology industries, the group aims to provide a framework within which libraries can work together to improve the quality of services, to be more efficient, and to explore new business models.

2. Areas of Collaboration

During the first year of the agreement, the areas of collaboration will include:

- Exploration of Virtual Enquiry Services: data collection and analysis to assist with streamlining of processes, and the possible development of new business models including shared and hosted services
- Technical Services and Procurement, with a particular emphasis on procurement of e-resources
- Development of the concept of the Library of the North

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- Development of the infrastructure and branding of the Northern Collaboration

Any specific projects arising out of the collaboration will be subject to further agreement in writing.

3. Costs

Each institution will be responsible for any cost they incur as a result of participating in the collaboration. Should the development of the areas of collaboration incur costs, funding will be sought from appropriate sources.

4. Governance

A Directors Group will meet twice annually and will include all members. The Directors will agree the composition of the Northern Collaboration Steering Group, which will steer the Northern Collaboration on behalf of the Directors and ensure progress on the areas of co-operation.

5. Expectations of members

The expectation is that all institutions will contribute in some way towards achieving the aims of the Northern Collaboration, for example through participation in one of the areas of collaboration or through membership of the Steering Group or offering venues or services. Members are not required to participate in all areas of collaboration.

6. Effective Date and Term

These principles will come into effect on 1 August 2011 and will be reviewed annually by the Directors Group. Towards the end of the second year of operation (July 2013) the Directors Group will decide whether to extend the term of the Northern Collaboration, and in the event of the term being extended, members will be invited to renew their membership.

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7. Intellectual Property

Nothing in these principles is intended to affect the ownership of intellectual property or to give rise to any Party acquiring or developing any rights in relation to any intellectual property of another Party. The ownership of intellectual property developed in the delivery of an area of collaboration or of a specific project arising from an area of collaboration will be subject to separate agreement.

8. Legal effect

These principles are not intended to be legally binding and no contract, partnership or joint venture is created by it.

9. Termination

These principles may become invalid following mutual agreement between all parties at any time
Any party may give three months' notice that they wish to leave the Northern Collaboration.

Signed for the University of _____

Name _____

Date _____

July 2011

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NOWAL

Background and summary

NoWAL (North West Academic Libraries) emerged from CALIM (Consortium of Academic Libraries in Manchester) and comprises the 13 university libraries in the North West of England.

Until summer 2011, NoWAL had a staff of approx. 2.5fte. This was not seen as being sustainable in the then emerging economic climate (salaries were/are funded from subscriptions), and additionally the ways in which member libraries had contributed 'in kind' (space, services, etc) became more problematic. Staffing has therefore now been reduced to 0.6fte, and significant effort has also gone into establishing NoWAL as a Private Limited Company, achieved in August 2012 (we are also applying for charitable status). The process of governance review has not been without challenges, and there are still some unanswered questions, e.g. whether NoWAL needs insurance. During this period of major reorganisation we have continued to focus on our core activities (procurement and CPD), although now often managing these differently from previously because of the much reduced staffing base. For this reason there has been no recent pre-planned development of major new areas.

Current and previous areas of activity – further information

Procurement in NoWAL is managed by the Procurement sub-group and has two strands.

Monographs procurement. Originally we went out to tender as CALIM, and subsequently as NoWAL. We now participate in the national framework led by SUPC, but with some local monitoring and information sharing.

Serials procurement. As above in terms of how our consortial serials procurement developed. However, serials procurement is now done jointly with LUPC, again with local monitoring and information sharing.

The Procurement sub-group also organises meetings on current topics of interest, e.g. PDA.

CPD is managed by the CPD sub-group. Instead of buying in services from professional trainers as we did previously, all NoWAL member institutions are now expected to arrange and host one training session each year (sometimes sessions are run collaboratively). Sessions often take the shape of Exchanges of Experience rather than formal training, and staff benefit from the opportunity to be very open with each other and to build contacts and networks. A number of groups have sprung up following these staff development sessions, allowing members across institutions to continue to share knowledge (e.g. on copyright) or to participate in activities (e.g. benchmarking) within *informal sub-groups*. Directors/Heads of Service also share information and expertise on a regular basis both within Board Meetings and at development sessions held in conjunction with the same. Recent examples have been on Open Access and the Finch Report, and on Research Data Management. NoWAL also holds a conference every couple of years, which is open to non-members as well as to staff in NoWAL institutions. The most recent was 'Beyond the Library: Student Transition and Success', and attracted participants from a range of disciplines.

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Earlier projects/activities undertaken within NoWAL covered areas such as joint procurement of e-resources, shared storage, vertical search engines and digitisation. Some of these and indeed other former regional initiatives now operate under wider umbrella frameworks, e.g. Sconul access.

The future

Now that issues relating to governance are almost resolved and new ways of operating (e.g. in relation to CPD) are becoming established, we are again looking to the future. Although no new projects are as yet being planned, activities elsewhere (e.g. the M25 catalogue search facility) are watched with interest. A particular area of uncertainty is how NoWAL and the Northern Collaboration (NC) will work in relation to each other in future, as there is considerable cross-membership and it makes little sense to duplicate activity that is better pursued at wider regional or even national level. For the time being it has been agreed within NoWAL to work closely with the NC and find synergies for future working, which might (or might not) include shared administration and objectives.

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Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Consortium

Consortium name: Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Consortium

Prepared by: Sue White, Director of Computing and Library Services, University of Huddersfield

Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
<p>Started in 1998 as the 'Benchmarking Consortium', with 4 University Libraries (Derby, Huddersfield, LeedsMet and Staffordshire), which participated in the SCONUL benchmarking pilots projects co-ordinated by Stephen Town. Now extends to 8 institutions.</p>	<p>Function has been to undertake process benchmarking, some of which has been published by LISU</p> <p>http://www.lboro.ac.uk/microsites/infosci/lisu/pages/publications/asothers.html</p> <p>Studies include: Shelving, Acquisition workflows, Weekend services, Advice desks. The outcomes of these have led to efficiencies and enhanced service delivery.</p> <p>In the last 2-3 years the benchmarking projects have been scaled back, primarily because institutions no longer have the required staff resource to dedicate to intensive high quality benchmarking activities. The focus is now on informal sharing of good practice and experience.</p>	<p>Current University membership:</p> <p>Derby Huddersfield LeedsMet Liverpool Liverpool John Moores Salford Sheffield Hallam Staffordshire</p>

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SCURL

Consortium name: Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries

Prepared by: Jill Evans, SCURL Service Development Manager

Shared Services currently provided:	Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
<p>Content procurement of print books and periodicals.</p> <p>(SCURL SCOPNet Books)</p> <p>(SCURL SCOPNet Periodicals)</p>	<p>Collaborative procurement emerged in mid1990s with a contract to include all Scottish HEIs and the National Library of Scotland. 2nd contract in 2003 extended to Northern Ireland HEIs and also National Museums Scotland. 3rd contract in 2008 extended to Scottish Further Education Colleges. Next ITT to be issued late 2013.</p>	<p>To provide selection, acquisition, and purchasing collaboratively while supporting individual institutional remits and subject disciplines. The scope is print books e-books, print and e-periodicals, and standing orders. The agreement is for content in English-language and institutional discounts are achieved through reaching the collaborative target set by the supplier</p>	<p>All Scottish HEIs, the National Library of Scotland, National Museums of Scotland, and Further Education Colleges. The 2 Northern Ireland HEIs call off on the periodicals contract. The Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC) conduct the procurement on behalf of SCURL.</p>
<p>Collaborative procurement of Electronic</p>	<p>Scottish Higher Education Digital Library (SHEDL) emerged in 2009 specifically for Scottish HEIs but has now achieved publisher agreements to extend to National Library of Scotland, National</p>	<p>To eliminate differential access, to offer wider range of content to our users, to provide a richer research infrastructure to support research pooling. The scope extends to 11 publishers and suppliers with</p>	<p>Now, in 2013, content available to all Scottish HEIs, NLS, NMS, and Scottish FE Colleges. The terms of the licence dictate availability of access from within an institution or off-site access. SHEDL</p>

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<p>content of periodicals</p> <p>(Scottish Higher Education Digital Library SHEDL)</p>	<p>Museums Scotland, and Scottish Further Education Colleges. The concept of SHEDL differs from Nesli2 as all institutions commit financially to the subscription and this provides a greater negotiation stance with a commitment from SHEDL to the publisher for a defined contract period. The content delivered by SHEDL provides equality of access to resources for all Scottish students and researchers. SHEDL received a Shared Services award from the Scottish Library and Information Council in the Scottish Parliament.</p>	<p>content of significant interest to all SCURL partners' teaching & research portfolios.</p>	<p>colleagues identify the selected publishers' content to match the institutional profile and then SHEDL opens negotiations directly with the publishers and with contracts finalised by JISC Collections.</p>
<p>Collaborative procurement of e-content</p> <p>(SCURL eBooks Group)</p>	<p>The SCURL eBooks Group was launched in mid 2012 to investigate potential of a joint procurement of ebook content as SHEDL periodical publishers began to market access to their ebook content.</p>	<p>To evaluate the opportunities of a contract with suppliers, ebook bundles and also single titles from aggregators, and as bundles from publishers, & noting different business models such as PDA, lease or perpetual access, concurrent access, single/multi user licence, DRM restrictions, quality of recent titles, textbooks, APC, and level of discount. A list of criteria has been created which is shared with the publishers/supplier.</p>	<p>All Scottish HEIs, the NLS, the NMS, Scottish FE colleges, and ultimately Scottish public libraries. APUC provide guidance on the preferred route to market. SHEDL has identified the collective level of expenditure it is prepared to commit to this contract for comprehensive cover of content.</p>
<p>SCURL Collaborative Academic Store for Scotland</p>	<p>CASS was discussed in the early 2000s by SCURL and emerged as a regional service in 2004. This type of activity of a shared space has not been superseded by a national service, (the UKRR.) The</p>	<p>SCURL members were invited to select and deposit print content to CASS for an agreed fee, and with a document delivery service. A number of institutions used this opportunity to review collection management policies, to</p>	<p>All SCURL members invited to participate, service in place until 2009 and then content was repatriated or offered to the UK Research Reserve (UKRR) to assist in the development of the service. Currently</p>

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(CASS)	National Library of Scotland, as a trusted member of SCURL, provided serviced and costed space for storage of low use but research valuable material.	redevelop the space from which the content formerly occupied, and to encourage users to access the equivalent e-version of the stored content.	discussions recur on viability of a central store for SCURL.
SCURL Communities of Practice (CoPs) Infrastructure	The wide range of Communities of Practice, which are regarded as a shared service, has the infrastructure to support their activities for Librarians at all levels across the Scottish universities and Further Education Colleges. The CoPs are a key strategic element of the SCURL Plan 2012-2014 to “maximise knowledge exchange.”	Maximising knowledge exchange, sharing good practice and supporting succession planning emerges through the CoPs’ activities. Each CoP has a Facilitator, communicates through a Jiscmail list, convenes meetings, and are supported by the SCURL Service Development Manager. Current CoPs are: Access, Collection Managers, Deputy Directors, Disaster Planning, Institutional Repositories, Legal Issues, Mobile Devices, Reading Lists, Scottish Metadata Platform, and System Managers.	Librarians at all stages in their career in HEIs, Further Education Colleges, public libraries, and the JISC RSC Scotland.
SCURL Scottish Digital Library Consortium (SDLC.)	SDLC provides support for a range of services to the members of SCURL who wished to benefit from the expertise. SDLC was originally convened by the members who had collaboratively procured the same Library Management System (LMS).	The main services offered by SDLC are a shared LMS, procurement of a shared discovery service, and shared institutional repository hosting services.	11 member institutions representing HEIs, Scottish Government, National Library of Scotland, Signet Library, and Observatory Library.
ROWAN	Currently three SCURL members, geographically distant, sharing the same	To provide the benefits of sharing to the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)	>20 campuses/learning institutions across the physical footprint of Scotland. This

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Consortium	LMS which was launched in February 2013.	(13 colleges & research institutions), University of the West of Scotland (UWS) (4 campuses) and the Scottish Rural University College (SRUC) (3 campuses). Key aspects of the consortium are shared governance, all partners equal, shared Systems Manager, all partners contribute to annual maintenance, shared server environment, bib records, a single patron db, and each partner has their own branded OPAC landing page.	model could be replicated to to other consortia.
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Shared Services under development:	Development status	Function and scope	Reach
Open Scholarship: Enhancing Repository Infrastructure in Scotland (ERIS)	<p>ERIS JISC funded project complete and recommendations under discussion with 2 SCURL institutions leading on the progress of the outcomes.</p> <p>The Group will meet on 19.04.13 to review their remit.</p>	<p>To motivate researchers to deposit their work in repositories & facilitate integration of repositories in research. Trusted cross-repository resource discovery service to support research pooling at cross-institutional research depth.</p> <p>To permit greater availability of shared records for copy cataloguing, identify possible target sets of material for digitisation, and to articulate with LMS planning</p>	<p>The aim is to consider a Scottish Council on Open Scholarship for all Scottish research, to consider Gold vs Green, and also to consider the central aggregation of metadata.</p> <p>All Scottish HEIs, NLS, NMS, Scottish FE Colleges, JISC Scotland RSC and public libraries.</p>

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SCURL Scottish Metadata Task and Finish Group			
Library Management Systems: The Benefits of Sharing (TBOS) project and also the SCURL Library Services Platform Group	<p>Phase One of the JISC funded project has submitted the Final Report and Phase Two will begin.</p> <p>The SCURL Library Services Platform Task Force will convene their meetings imminently with a remit of identifying resources required, complete the exploratory work of the outputs of TBOS, options appraisal, complete business planning to progress to implementation or not .</p>	<p>Phase One: Would a shared LMS improve services in Scotland? Key benefits for users, content and systems explored and confirmed, & the success common to shared LMS identified. Recommendations included conducting an in-depth survey & gap analysis on e-content across all Scottish HEIs, including a current assessment of KB+ (to which all SHEDL data has been populated), and policies to be developed on access to records and content to be agreed.</p>	<p>All Scottish HEIs, all Scottish FE Colleges, the NLS, the NMS, the Scottish Digital Library Consortium (SDLC), ROWAN Partnership which includes Scottish land-based colleges, SEDAR Consortium which includes public libraries, and the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC.)</p> <p>As above.</p>
Scottish Digital Library Consortia (SDLC)	<p>CoPs, Task Forces, and Task & Finish Groups have been convened from invitations circulated to SCURL members and with meeting dates scheduled.</p>	<p>While in their early stage of adoption, these groups each have a term of reference, a remit, and an understanding of their relevance to the SCURL Plan 2012-2014. The areas of activity are Open Journal Software hosting and support, shared disaster recovery, and research data management</p>	<p>SCURL members, interested and supportive business partners, other consortia.</p>

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SWHELs

Consortium name: **SWHELs**

Prepared by: Martin Myhill

Shared Services currently provided:	Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
Joint LMS – UWE/Bath/Bath Spa	Sirsi/Dynix since 1998 (Bath/UWE)	Joint LMS	Limited to partners
GW4 – Research Consortium	2012 (Bath, Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter). NB Cardiff not in SWHELs	Research Group	In development
SWHELs	2005- , meeting location rotates amongst members	HE Library Forum for South West England	Includes non-SCONUL members; meets twice per year and liaises with SWRLS network (esp Public Libraries)

Shared Services under development:	Development status	Function and scope	Reach
FXPlus	Began 1 April 2013 as a privately owned company (by Universities of Exeter and Falmouth)	Shared service management – Campus and Academic services	Limited to partners but first of a new breed?

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WHELF

Consortium name: **WHELF**

Prepared by: Mark Hughes

Shared Services currently provided:	Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
WHEEL (Wales Higher Education Electronic Library)	Relatively recent formation (within last 3 years). Aiming to utilise a SHEDL type model to share procurement of electronic resources	Collaborative purchase of electronic resources. Works closely with JISC Collections. Currently only 1 deal in place with OUP. Looking to expand substantially in coming years	WHELF institutions
Various Project related	Too many to list - See http://whelf.wordpress.com/current-initiatives/ . Long history of collaborative projects that have gone on to mainstream services as well as shorter output focussed projects e.g. around Digitisation often led by the National Library of Wales	See brief history	WHELF institutions
Gregynog Symposium	Every year WHELF and HEWIT organise a residential colloquium at Gregynog Hall, the University of Wales conference centre, for library and IT staff to discuss recent developments and to exchange experiences.	Provide exchange of experience, knowledge sharing & networking across WHELF institutions on ICT and Library side	HEWIT / WHELF institutions

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Shared Services under development:	Development status	Function and scope	Reach
Walk In Access Wales	Project has reported & produced a toolkit for use in implementations. Pilot site at UW Trinity St David has implemented	<p>“to enable members of the public to access electronic resources in Welsh HE libraries”.</p> <p>Aim is to have a walkin access provision across all WHELF members within near future.</p>	WHELF Institutions
Shared Library Management System	Task & Finish group finalising detail for confirmation by WHELF prior to commitment & project implementation. Aiming to have final commitment by August 2013, and undertake selection / procurement immediately after that.	<p>Provide a formal consortium & joint library system offering across the WHELF libraries’ (and including NHS Wales who currently share Cardiff University’s LMS).</p> <p>Once a shared LMS platform is in place further collaborative scope will be explored.</p>	WHELF Institutions, NHS Wales libraries

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White Rose Consortium

Consortium name:	White Rose (Library Directors)
Prepared by:	Stephen Town, University of York with acknowledgements to Stella Butler, University of Leeds Martin Lewis, University of Sheffield

Shared Services currently provided:	Brief history	Function and scope	Reach
White Rose Research Online (WRRO)	2004-; developed through JISC SHERPA grant 2007 JISC IncReASe project to develop and increase content 2012 Technical review by Sero Consulting	Joint Institutional Repository	Global
White Rose E-Theses Online (WREO)		Joint E-thesis repository	Global
Connections of WRRO to REF related databases in the three Universities	In progress		

Shared Services under development:	Development status	Function and scope	Reach
Research Data Management	In progress. Will be informed by: JISC RoadMap project (Leeds)	Joint service for Research Data Management	Global

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	RDMRose (led by Sheffield iSchool) DCC Institutional Engagement results (due July 2013) N8 and/or broader national developments		
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Additional notes:

The White Rose Library Directors group relates to the White Rose Consortium formed in 1997 between the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York to 'optimise the combined resources' of these three Yorkshire research Universities.

In 2012 a Service review (taking into account the results of the SERO technical review) resulted in a new MOU for the White Rose Libraries group, a new structure adding a Service Development group to the Directors (Steering) group, and a commitment to further innovation and collaboration. Open Access and Research Data developments are a current important concern, but there has also been developing collaboration and joint activity in relation to academic liaison/subject librarians and training & development.

Reference: Butler, S. 'Small and perfectly formed' or 'lacking critical mass'?: the achievements and challenges of the White Rose University Library Group 2004-2012. Presented at the Yin-Yang of Consortial Collaboration and Competition conference, CUHK/JULAC, Hong Kong, May 30-31 2013.