

Project Name: Evaluating the LLN by Julie Balsom

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Background

This project forms the dissertation for a Masters in Management course being under-taken by Julie Balsom of Holme Lacy College, part of the Pershore Group of Colleges. The aim of this six month project is to explore the interests and expectations of the various stakeholders in the LLN for Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Objectives of the Project

The three key objectives include identifying:

- what the stakeholders expect to gain from the LLN
- what are the incentives for collaboration within the LLN
- what are the barriers to collaboration within the LLN

Project Approach

The research methodology will be based on a case study of the LLN itself, with qualitative, semi-structured and unstructured interviews, and questionnaires with members of the network.

Scope:**A *Key Products from the project***

- A monitoring methodology to conduct annual reviews to demonstrate increasing engagement with the network.
- A Masters dissertation providing advice and guidance to the network

Constraints

- The project will take place from January to June 2007 only
- The project is being conducted alongside a full time job as part of a part time masters

Key Assumptions

- Julie Balsom will need access to, and co-operation from the stakeholders

Costs

- It is proposed that Julie should be paid a one-off payment of £500 for her contribution to the network