

Medical Science Division Report for ICTF

MSD IT Committee met: 25th June 2015

Topics discussed:

- The proposal for a formal Information Governance Office (IGO) to be approved by the MSD Board. This proposal was further to a trial period where work on information security and governance has been undertaken on behalf of departments in the division on a “try before you buy” basis. The trial period was very successful and the need for a formal office has been established. The office will fit into the University plans for the provision of information security. The IT Committee approved the proposal with some amends. This will be submitted to the MSD Finance Committee in due course.
- There was a general consensus that there was a need for greater communication/ collaboration between central IT services and the MSD IT services. Better coordination and understanding of roles and responsibilities both within the division and beyond was offered as a solution to some of the difficulties that can occur in IT provisioning.
- John Ireland reported from IT Services on the current projects. The Committee was particularly interested in the update on shared data centre facilities as the requirement for backspace was becoming critical in some departments.
- MSD web services reported that the uptake of the Haiku web service was good and about 2/3 of departments were engaged in it. There was a discussion about how IT Services are proposing to move towards offering a Drupal web service that would be a different approach to Haiku. There was some discussion about the fact that the two services were very different and not compatible.

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