

NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership: An introduction to ELCOM Catalogue Content

NHS London Procurement Partnership (LPP) & NHS North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative (NOE CPC)

THE LANDSCAPE

NHS Collaborative Procurement Partnership (CPP) is a collaboration between four NHS procurement organisations: NHS Commercial Solutions (NHS CS), East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub (EOE CPH), NHS North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative (NOE CPC) and NHS London Procurement Partnership (LPP).

Together, CPP represent approximately 60% of NHS trusts in England and Wales and influence £6-7.5 billion of NHS non-pay expenditure.

THE CHALLENGE

The four organisations collaborated extensively on very large and complex national contracts in key areas, but had very different system footprints and approaches to data and catalogues.

This meant:

- Data sharing was manual, often via emailed Excel documents
- Syndication of catalogue data member trusts and end users was a patchwork of bespoke arrangements
- There are ongoing Department of Health initiatives, such as GS1, PEP-POL and Scan4Safety to address
- The recommendations of The Carter Report have to be implemented.

THE OBJECTIVES

To make CPP an effective collaboration, including secure sharing of master data in a format useable by the organisations and their member trusts. This includes maintaining up-to-date, accurate pricing all the way through the chain to the end-user P2P.

THE SOLUTION

CPP held a competition based on their requirement and selected ELCOM as provider of a common catalogue and content solution that enables central management of product specification and pricing which propagates out automatically to all subscribing Trusts through interfaces with the many and varied purchasing systems in place in place.

Data formats are defined and communicated based on common industry standards.

The solution also allows use of ELCOM's PECOS P2P solution, including e-Invoice should a Trust wish.



London Procurement Partnership



North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative



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Catalogue Content Management

THE RESULTS:

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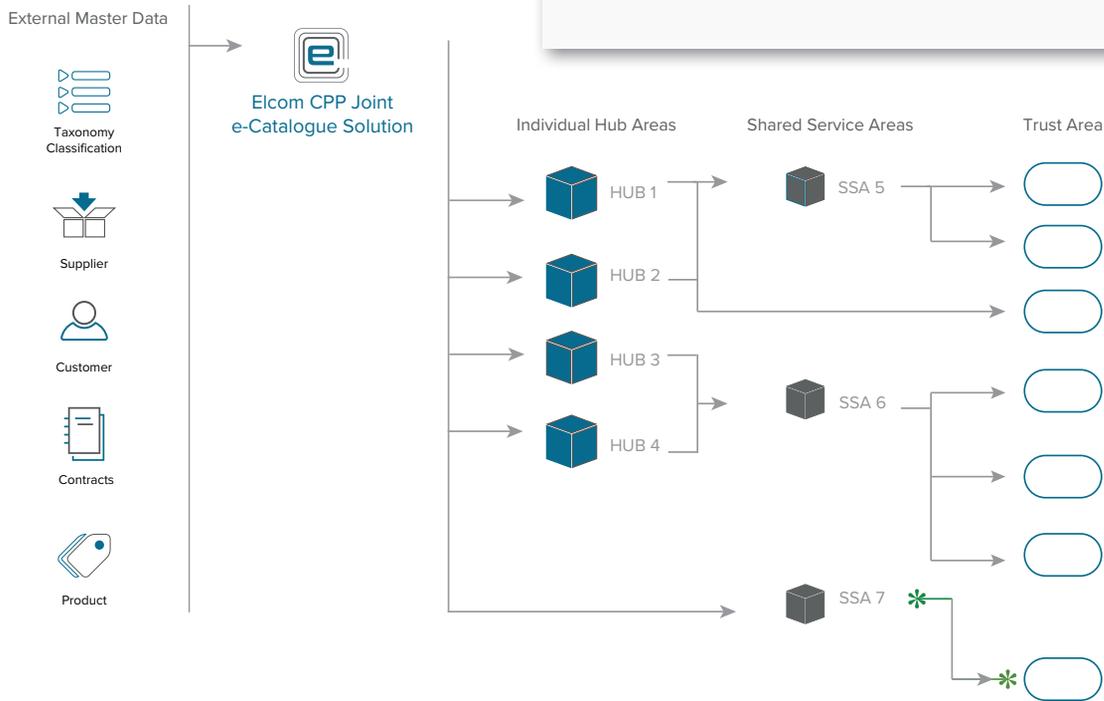
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THE PROCESS

The system approaches master data management at a level of maturity and sophistication that no other system on the market can achieve and integrates with all national and local content providers. The specification have been developed with the Department of Health and is compliant with GS1 data attributes.

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THE RESULTS

CPP is leading the way in NHS procurement partnerships. The collaboration enables CPP to

- Deploy the collective expertise of each organisation
- Facilitate aggregation where appropriate
- Avoid unnecessary duplication, and
- Change the procurement landscape to best effect for the NHS.

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