**Software Development Forum – 11 November 2014**

**ALN Reform Programme Update**

*Background*

In May 2014, a White Paper on Legislative Proposals for Additional Learning Needs in Wales was published. These proposals included the introduction of the Individual Development Plan in place of the statutory statement of special educational needs that is currently in place. Here is a link to the White Paper:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/education/proposals-for-additional-learning-needs-white-paper/?lang=en>

*Project Update*

* A summary of responses to the consultation on the White Paper proposals was published in October 2014, and is also available on the above link.
* The First Minister announced that a Bill on Additional Learning Needs would be brought forward next summer (2015). It is at this stage that we will know the final content of the legislative proposals. Due to the timing of the legislative process it is unlikely that any changes will be implemented before September 2017.

*Implications for Software Suppliers*

This update is provided for information. A further update will be provided for each SDF meeting, or earlier if more information becomes available.

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