EnCoRe Q9 Summary (June-August 2010)

In this ninth project quarter, all WPs were active.

In Work Package 1, progress continued on drafts of the project taxonomy and requirements formalisation deliverables.

In Work Package 2, work started on the second technical architecture, focusing initially on creating a first draft deliverable for internal review.

Work Package 3 and Work Package 4 collaborated on preparatory work for Case Study 2, the pace of this being limited by external factors, principally delays in the granting of research ethics approval.

In Work Package 5, progress was made on the first internal draft of the report on techniques and management strategies for consent and revocation.

Work Package 6 completed its demonstrator of the reference prototype implementation of the first technical architecture, and undertook further work to transform it into a full prototype internal deliverable.

A meeting with two TSB ALIP-funded projects took place in June, to explore collaboration possibilities for our third Case Study. Another meeting, with the leader of the UK government Adult Social Care National Improving Information Programme, was held in August, also to explore collaboration options. As a result, the project decided to focus on firming up a collaboration that will include one of the participants in an ALIP project and one or more local authorities who are in the vanguard of the UK’s changes in social care delivery, and took the first steps to make this happen.

A new Second Level Plan, taking account of the realities around Case Studies 2 and 3 and the insights we already gained from Case Study 1, and incorporating a 3-month project extension and a revised set of deliverables, milestones and dates for these, was created and submitted to the TSB for approval.

The project undertook a number of activities, aimed at raising and widening awareness of its work:

- A Press Briefing, at which the first prototype was demonstrated.
- Sponsorship of a public debate on control over personal information.
- Publication of the first project online newsletter.
- The second meeting of the project’s User Advisory Group.

EnCoRe researchers continued to be very active in presenting the project and/or specific papers at/in a variety of academic and public policy-related events and publications.

In summary, the project has almost concluded its first Case Study, has used this as the opportunity to promote its work, and has created an updated overall plan against which to monitor future progress and make key decisions.