



COLLECTIONS & METADATA GROUP  
- AN UPDATE

# Introduction



- In January 2019 the Collaborative Collection Management and Metadata Group merged to create the SCURL Collections and Metadata Group
  - Chaired by John MacColl at the University of St Andrews
- Priority actions
  - To contribute to relevant national discussions
  - To identify / review aggregation tools
  - To request the inclusion of public library holdings in NBK / Library Hub
  - To continue work to clarify / improve OCLC services
  - To influence the quality of metadata provided by suppliers
  - To organise a one day conference

# Last Scottish Copy Policy



- An updated and revised version of the Policy was approved by the SCURL Business Committee in February 2019
- <http://scurl.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SCURLLastScottishCopy2019.pdf>
- The document includes:
  - Rationale
  - A commitment to retain and preserve the Scottish print collection
  - Workflow guidelines
  - Standard wording for the 583 MARC field
  - Recommendations for offering and transferring general materials

# Metadata Survey



- Spring 2018; responses from 18 Scottish libraries (NLS, 1 x public, 3 x FE and 14 x HE)
- General concern with the accuracy and quality of metadata
  - 17 respondents undertaking to maintain or update their catalogue data
  - Considerable scope for efficiencies through centralised delivery and dissemination of records for consortial deals
- Satisfaction highest for metadata supplied for print resources
- Low uptake of records from national agencies (BL,NLS,etc)
- SCURL libraries to be encouraged to contribute to NBK

# Collaborative Stores



- Carried out a survey of SCURL Library Directors' interest in collaborative storage
- Landscape scan of international activity
  - USA
  - Scandinavia
  - France
  - The Netherlands
- Reviewed the relevant recommendations from the National Monograph Steering Group's Collaborative Monograph Storage Feasibility Study

# Collaborative Collecting



- Pilot project to consider the feasibility of using COPAC data and collection management tools to undertake collaborative collection rationalisation
- University of Edinburgh (Hannah Mateer) & University of St Andrews (Helen Faulds)
- Four trials
  - Medicine using local record numbers to review a low use collection
  - Technology using local record numbers to review a low use collection
  - Romance language collection using ISBNs
  - Scottish literature using keywords

# Collaborative Collecting - Findings



- Existing CCM tools were effective for contributing libraries
  - Used to identify unique content, titles for weeding, etc
- Less obvious how this could support collaborative collecting without supporting collecting plans and policies
- There was significant variation in the level of overlap according to subject area
- Significant Scottish collections not contributing to union catalogues and so comprehensive analysis not possible
- Working with SCURL to encourage more Scottish libraries to submit records to the NBK / Library Hub

# Questions?

