

ALERC Conference 2011

Session Output – Accreditation Tim Corner & John Cornell

Opening Question:

Why have you attended this workshop?

Answers:

Requested to put LRC in Accreditation programme if possible

Excited about programme

To get an overview of Accreditation

Told to come

To learn where it comes up short and where the strengths are

To find out more

Because I our LRC piloted an earlier effort

NE said that Accreditation would be key

To see if it was easy or difficult

Because we want to undertake Accreditation

General comments and more questions:

We would like Accreditation regardless of NE

What was the time taken? – The benefit was absolute as it was a good examination of LERC processes etc.

What was the painful bit? – The Accreditation guidance was being written as we were undertaking it and it kept changing.

Support from Mentor and ALERC excellent

Accreditation was a tool to badger LA

It was a peer reviewed process

This fits well with LA risk management culture

Accreditation identified gaps in LRC work that needed addressing and that LRC was working towards

16 Criteria need to be met out 20 with the remaining criteria being met within a three year window before original Accreditation expires

Other criteria can also be met for the Advanced Accreditation level

What was the Expense?

The Mentor looked at everything and did not simply tick boxes

The process improved everything not just core work

Impartiality and perception about LRC were highlighted

Independent status of LRC was important to quantify

Staffing levels

What tasks were required and what capacity was required to undertake Accreditation

It was doable

Accreditation encouraged you to fixing things that you always meant to

Hosting was discussed quite a bit (during session)

Closing thoughts:

TC: You can be brilliant but not know everyone else thinks you are rubbish

JC: A worthwhile process that begins to tackle the issue of LRC being fit for purpose in the current paradigm

There was a call to post the Accreditation criteria Final Report on the ALERC website