

# The ALC Centre thoughts on STFC eInfrastructure development

- Gut Reaction:
  - “Proceed with caution”
  - “Don’t scare the horses”
    - “Common shared STFC eInfrastructure” (Nooo!)

# Considered response:

- Links with UKT0 remain (and strengthen where possible), to share experiences, and to identify and exploit potential shared benefits where these can sensibly be identified.
- Where there is commonality which can be sensibly exploited, because it matches facility needs without too many unnecessary overheads (bureaucratic, financial, etc), then ALC should look to do this; but we can't assume that what has been set up / will be set up for PP/Astro communities will be appropriate for facility needs or vice versa.
- The ALC should focus on the software improvement process, pooling resource here I can see benefits for Diamond if we get the projects right.
- Ukt0 has potential benefit and I can see diamond buying into services just as it would from a commercial provider. But it has to be easy to adopt and there has to be standard interfaces that allow it to interoperate with what we have/ complement what we have/ or be better than what we currently do that it's worth investing the effort to change.
- Commercial cloud gives you services that to some extent you integrate into your existing policies and procedures rather than having a whole set of new policies enforced to be part of the club.
- I need access to additional services and functionally but it needs to be more like a Woolworths pick and mix than a Chinese set menu.