

Appendix E1 – Work In Progress (WIP) Projects

Project Ref	Project Title	Overview	Dept	SRO	IT Lead	Progress
03/04	LAN upgrade Weybridge site	04/04/2003: To keep pace with Defra upgrades covering Regional Labs. May require new fibre as well as hub equipment.	Corporate	Terry Stacy	Jane Archer	04/06/2008: Major progress with Bldgs 64, 94, 105 and 3 now connected. However Remaining buildings on hold until fault in the fibre ring is repaired.
03/35	Upgrade to latest version of Access -2003 or 2007	28/01/2003: Upgrade of all current LIMS-interface Access systems to be Access 2000 compatible	Corporate	Terry Stacy	Simon MacDowall	02/07/2008: Recruitment suspended as the candidates coming through the door was not meeting the quality and cost requirements of the role. Project resource re-focused to the evaluation of Access 2007 to decide if it is a suitable version to migrate to. An example test conversion to 2007 was completed for an Access 97 application with no major conversion issues. Access 2007 not happy running concurrently with other versions of Access on the Citrix server. Agreed solution is to install Access 2007 its own virtual server. Evaluation meeting convened to decide on the areas to be addressed during the evaluation of Access 2007.
04/06	Livelihood Phase II - Livelihood for other quality documentation	15/03/2004: Extension of Livelihood for further quality documentation after UKAS group SOPs	Corporate	Carlo Frate	Sara Robertson	03/07/2008: Helpdesk case raised with Opentext regarding audit of signing events on signatures tab.
04/31	Upgrade to Microsoft SQL Server2005	10/01/2005: Upgrade Farmfile archive and key LIMS/other databases to later/latest version of SQL Server		Terry Stacy	Di Flowers	03/07/2008: Limited progress has been made, 1 ITU system has gone live.
06/12	Antimicrobial resistance surveillance throughout VLA	06/07/2006: Assumption is that no work was carried out for project reference 05/16 or, if it was, there was no impact on ITU.		Chris Teale	Rob Ready	03/07/2008: Meeting to be held mid July at Bury to restart project.
06/21	Serology Rationalisation - Phase 2 - Upgrading assays from EPAS to ELVIS	06/07/2006: Now that the first phase of Serology Rationalisation is complete and tests have moved from Regional Laboratories to Weybridge, both LT2 and LT5 require assays to be converted from EPAS to ELVIS to enable full integration with SampleManager.	LTD	Paul Townsend	Paul Morris	03/07/2008: Archer is still validating assays. 4 LT5 assays are due to go live on 14th July.
07/01	Web/Internet access to email	22/01/2007: Defra external broadband access is restricted to open access broadband and therefore does not work at secure/commercial hotspots such as hotels and airports. Hence web-based access could provide global access to email from any browser device.	Corporate	Terry Stacy	Jane Archer	01/07/2008: Purchase of tokens via Buy-4-Defra has delayed progress. A suitable mechanism to enable VLA payment for additional users is being discussed.
07/02	CCU enhancements and new equipment	25/01/2007: Integration of Centaur analyser and Bayer haematology equipment, including iLIMS.	LTD	John Jones	Paul Morris	01/05/2008: GSHPX automation completed. 2 additional haematology analysers to be brought.
07/10	Avian Virology LIMS	23/03/2007: Avian Virology on LIMS SMS for quality/UKAS purposes.	VIRO	Ian Brown	Rob Ready	03/07/2008: System testing of management reports is in progress. Poultry survey requirements are nearly complete, the rules relating to the releasing of results are still awaiting agreement.

07/14	VIDA 2007 Stage 2 (Report Delivery & Support)	12/04/2007: The new VIDA database (delivered 2006/7) merges SAC and VLA data to provide a GB surveillance dataset. This extension project will deliver disease Trend, Undiagnosed Disease Trends and Syndromic Surveillance Trends from this new dataset. Species Groups can then use these reports to update Defra and SEERAD. The project includes the update of existing webpage access to pdf reports for VLA, and hopefully provision of webpage access for SAC. It also includes consolidation of ITU support for the technical infrastructure supporting these reports.	VSD	Eamon Watson	Sara Robertson	01/08/2008: Testing of all 4 groups that cover the present 5 year reporting period and of all data ranges for each parameter of the data import routine has been completed. The database design task for the inclusion of the VLA and SAC DNR reasons and DNR other reasons has been completed. The inclusion of all VLA and SAC data for DNR other reasons has started and is awaiting completion of a LIMS "tidy up" of the data within SMS. A VIDA database extract has been created for the SAC.
07/17	Diagnostic Catalogue Project (VISI156 etc) - Stage 1	12/04/2007: Farmfile data quality and surveillance reports are dependant on a number of "veterinary rules" that define which diagnoses are valid for what species, what tests would justify which diagnoses, what presenting signs are likely to indicate what diseases etc. Increasingly these rules are being used to validate data and report trends. The rules are held in a number of disparate places (database, word doc etc) and often conflict. This project aims to consolidate the rules on which surveillance is based - and store them in a single relational structure. Diagnosis codes are the first priority, together with the species and tests related to them. Excludes work to integrate with Farmfile, and work to implement with more than one user (Jackie Willmington). This awaits next year.		Eamon Watson/ Graham David	Sara Robertson	01/08/2008: •Development of VISI 156 application completed and issued to Jackie Wilmington for review and comment. System testing to be undertaken. Online help and user manual completed.
07/23	Vladimir Stage 3 - Submission Reports onto LiveLink	27/07/2007: The goal is to change the way Submission Reports are stored, so that they held in LiveLink rather than on local servers. This will make them easily accessible to Vladimir, will allow them to be searched easily by VIOs, species groups and pathologists, and will implement electronic document management for a major set of the VLA's customer outputs.		Eamon Watson	Simon MacDowall	01/08/2008: VSD Admin trial of the technical solution was completed at the Penrith regional laboratory. No major issues were experienced during the trial. All July submission reports were copied to the relevant area of the sandpit within Livelink for the Winchester trial. Participants in the Winchester trial have been asked to focus on the processes surrounding the upload of new submission reports into Livelink and any need to update subsequently.
07/24	LIMS Vision Programme 2007	01/08/2007: Revised Programme Board setup headed by Roger Hancock to make better progress towards RL LIMS		Roger Hancock	Terry Stacy	01/07/2008: Next Programme board scheduled for October.
07/25	SMS Data rationalisation and reporting	02/08/2007: Limited scope exercise to improve underlying SMS for reporting purposes. Predominantly driven by SR's requirements. 5 specific actions agreed for inclusion chosen from a much longer list.		Terry Stacy	Rob Ready	01/05/2008: New county structure has been used for new implementations. A change of county values has now been received. Changing of templates for sampling/owning address will require: analysis, documentation, data updates, programming, reporting and assessment of impact on other systems.
07/30	VLA sign up to the Defra Personal Commitment Statement	02/11/2007: DotNET project to provide VLA with a system to sign up to the Defra Personal Commitment Statement		Terry Stacy	Vincent Adcock	29/05/2008: 1st phase of system testing has been undertaken. Additional testing has been identified before UAT can take place. RLs will be 1st phase of the rollout followed by Weybridge. New web server to be built.

08/04	Upgrade and enhance the VLA Luddington electronic equipment log database for use by all RLs	15/01/2008: The electronic equipment log is an Access based system using Access 2000, and is designed to contain all the information required to manage all the equipment used within VLA Luddington, and display the data in the same familiar format, where possible, as the old paper based system. Originally came in as a SupportWorks case - reference F0036107. Enhancements will be made to upgrade this database to Access 2003 and consolidate its use in all RLs by maintaining the life history of kit and streamline management of equipment.	LSD	Russell Williams	Mike Bartlett	29/05/2008: Additional functionality has been incorporated and Mike Grey has been contacted. Data has been entered and parallel testing is taking place at Luddington.
08/05	Software Licencing System upgrade	24/04/2008: The purpose of this project is to upgrade the existing software licensing system, in order to take account of recent changes in the way in which licenses are purchased, and to provide full compliance with the standards as set out by the internal auditors through the implementation of a formal internal auditing system		Vincent Adcock	Vincent Adcock	24/04/2008: Development of the system has progressed to the point where the key functionality is now in place. However, there remains an outstanding issue regarding the handling of legacy licenses, and the provision of a mechanism to reassign these to their current counterparts and with the periodical import of user and equipment data. A solution for the former has been tabled and is presently awaiting discussion, the latter is awaiting decisions made for the PCS project.
08/07	Scanner Upgrade Project	01/02/2008: Upgrade to Client Server architecture for scanning documents into Livelink		Dave Shearn	Marianne Windham	03/07/2008: Additional change request for implementation of scanning of BTV pre-movement and export and diagnostic and tracing forms which has now been completed.
08/12	LIMS Vision SampleManager evaluation to extend DotNET functionality	25/02/2008: LIMS Vision SampleManager evaluation to extend DotNET functionality looking at RL Submission Form data entry and practitioner reports. Cross reference to projects 05/13, 06/24 and 07/21 and under the LIMS Vision umbrella project 07/24.		Rob Ready	Marianne Windham	03/07/2008: Further feasibility study into proposed data services ongoing.
08/13	SfW Sharepoint project	25/02/2008: SfW Sharepoint project. Cross reference to 04/05. Originally just specific collaborations for Species Groups and CERA. Now extended to enable further collaborations to be easy built on the same infrastructure.		Graham David	Marianne Windham	03/07/2008: System deployed for BBSRC and species group projects. User training and portal implementation in progress.
08/14	BTV high volume PCR testing system for Weybridge	25/02/2008: BTV high volume PCR testing system for Weybridge initially. Deadline to be determined but has go-ahead from RDH.		Paul Townsend	Rob Ready	03/07/2008: System went live on 30th June.
08/15	VMWare server rationalisation	29/02/2008: Evaluate VMWare to combine existing physical servers on to a smaller number of VMWare "virtual" servers. Significant power, space and cost savings as well as flexible server management (e.g.patching) facilities. May also facilitate a server move out of Bldg 142.	ITU	Terry Stacy	Jane Archer	07/05/2008: Nick Squire carrying out Vmware evaluation
08/18	Surveillance reporting 08-09	09/06/2008: To enhance the accessibility, content, output and use of surveillance reporting for 2008-2009		Eamon Watson	Simon MacDowall	01/08/2008: System testing of the new data audit report completed. Meeting to discuss the next steps for the project held on 16/07

08/23	Counties Migration	25/06/2008: The geographical location of submissions is recorded on SMS/Farmfile using information about which county the submission was from. These county boundaries were updated between 1995 and 1998 with unitary authorities replacing counties in Scotland and Wales and a re-organisation of county boundaries in England. This project is to introduce a single set of locations within the existing 3 tier hierarchy of Farmfile & SMS to replace the outdated data currently held.	Eamon Watson	Simon MacDowall	01/08/2008: Meeting with Rob Smeatham, IG and SMD held to discuss the RADAR requirements and the affect the change will have on the RADAR extract and ZO2 databases and reports. Meeting with Andy Mitchell and Helen Gartner held to agree the process and steps needed so CERA can provide the county and county subdivision information required for the migration. CERA have sourced external resource to complete the identification of the post96county and NUTS3 areas for the ~176,000 CPH records provided by the LIMS team. To date, only ~10,000 remain outstanding.
08/24	Healthcare system changes in response to Crown Improvement Notice	03/07/2008: New allergy questionnaire for skin conditions to be added in response to Crown Improvement Notice. H&S Executive will be following up in September.	Margaret Perks	Jackie Carter	03/07/2008: Requirements document in progress.