



Initial Events

- 1. Launch Event
 - Warwick, September 2005
 - Geoff Royston, Ruth Davies, Mark Elder, Simon Dods
- 2. Workshop with NHS Confederation
 - London, March 2006
 - Nigel Edwards, Simon Dodds, Peter Millard, Dave Bensley



Initial Events: Purpose

- · Networking!
- Articulate the aims and activities of MASHnet
- Identify barriers and enablers for modelling and simulation in health care
- Express some potential needs for modelling



Launch event



- · Geoff Royston Big Challenges
 - Accelerate flexibility and responsiveness of tools
 - See modelling as a partner to experimentation
 - Focus on application
- · Ruth Davies honest academic
 - Pros and cons of academic's role
 - Importance of clear goals and perspectives
- Mark Elder the industry perspective
 - Lessons from other sectors
 - Crucial to have modelling EARLY in design
- Simon Dodds obligate man of action
 - Win-win-win
 - Design the best process using modelling as a flexible test-bed

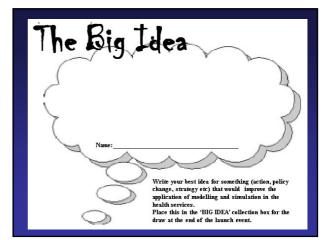














Big Ideas

- · Promulgate success stories
 - Target key decision makers with competitionHSJ Award?
 - Hands on sessions
 - Keep it local
- Increase pressure for planning to incorporate modelling (i.e. be planning and not performance management)
- · Potential role of NHS R&D
- · Training for NHS users and modellers



NHS Confederation Workshop

- 1. Plenaries practical applications to whet the appetite!
- 2. Barriers to use of modelling:
 - Capacity
 - Perceived value
 - No experience
 - No tools
 - Poor data
 - "Perma-change"
 - Communication between key professional groups



Current "modellable" problems

- · Walk In Centres
- A&E "Frequent Flyers"
- Obtaining Foundation Trust status
- · Practice Based Commissioning



Observations

- Problems expressed in fairly nebulous terms
- Not unique to management challenges
- Lack of understanding of potential for solution makes it difficult to frame the problem in the "right" way
- Solution = collaboration early
- Timescales are challenging...



Overall

- Encouraging interest in MASHnet
- Collaboration with existing organisations and groups
- Common themes around barriers and opportunities for modelling
- Broad validation of the approaches suggested in MASHnet proposal
- Now for some meat on the bones...