

Common Knowledge session Aleph Enhancements Process

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Main features

•Well established

•Works – but slowly – time from proposal to delivery is long

•Focus is minor developments

•Some on a larger scale: Course Reserves; Staff privileges

•Not unified with ELUNA process; but coordination is improving

•Guaranteed quotient of development days from Ex Libris

•Dev days is per version – versions now every 2 year

•User see this as a loss and want to see it increased.



Concerns

- •The wider picture:
- •Acute understanding that the real action is elsewhere:
 - Primo & URM
 - OPAC accessibility pushed back as an example of this
 - Aleph OPAC functionality in Primo taking priority

•APWG will continue to use the process as well as possible

- With a strong team in the APWG
- Using the positive features of the Development Agreement
- And strengthening coordination with ELUNA