entity trusted information innovation

Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency

CASE STUDY: QUALIFICATIONS & CURRICULUM AGENCY: DATA SHARING PORTAL

BACKGROUND

The Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency (QCDA) have been at the heart of England's education system with responsibility to develop the curriculum, improve and deliver assessments, and review and reform qualifications.

CHALLENGE

As part of the 14 to 19 Reform Programme, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), the Qualification and Curriculum Development Agency (QCDA), the UK Commission for Employment and Skills, Sector Skills Councils, and awarding bodies developed a new qualification – the Diploma.

Full visibility of available lines of study for the diploma was limited. A solution was required to integrate qualification data from multiple education organisational systems, both internal and external to QCDA, and to display it at a single, web-based location. The front-end needed to be searchable and intuitive to enable curriculum planners, schools, colleges and students to validate lines of study, against a background of ongoing qualification change.

ENTITY SOLUTION

Entity developed a diploma related portal that enabled schools, colleges and more importantly students to explore the specialist learning lines within the diploma. Entity's role was to develop the entire solution from requirements gathering through to implementation and support.

- **Interoperability –** Improved interoperability between the QCDA and external systems, as sources and recipients of accurate qualifications data.
- **Accessibility –** The ASL Portal provided an intuitive and user-friendly way of searching the ASL catalogue, encouraging users to take advantage of the depth of learning available.