

SIF: Our commitment to you



Since early last year Perspective has been well aware of the work being carried out by Becta and others with regard to defining a SIF protocol which, it is hoped, will become widely used by Education establishments across England and Wales. Indeed, Perspective was one of the founder members of SIFA.

It was clear from the outset that there was a lot of work to do in this area in order to establish this framework successfully and, clearly, there is a significant amount of work still to be done, however, our opinion is that enough groundwork has been completed for decisions to be made regarding our approach.

Let me say at the outset that Perspective is totally committed to the true concept of SIF and it is our belief that the data in Educational establishments should be fully transferable across all applications. We are well aware that there are various approaches that we can take here e.g. developing point to point links to single MIS systems, however, we do not feel that this is the correct route as it is in essence contrary to the true meaning of a SIF enabled network. We have been working for some time now on developing our SIF enabled agent, a project which we expect to be finalised within the next month or so. There will then naturally be a process of in-depth testing and we fully expect to have this product released for use by the early summer in time for data loading in preparation for the next academic year.

Perspective is dedicated to vocational training and work based learning applications and we fully appreciate the need to link these systems, CLM and Sunesis, to areas outside the normal school environment into areas such as specialised Training Providers and Colleges, it is not simply a case of linking to a school MIS but also to college systems etc. Vocational and work based learning is here to stay, our view is that systems need to be flexible enough to cope with all of these areas and also offer a clear progression path as requirements change to an ever growing collaborative approach.

We are totally committed to the concept of SIF and true Data Interoperability and our vision is to provide the products to enable this, backed up by quality support and at an economically viable cost.

If you have any questions about our approach please feel free to contact us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Davis".

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