# Digital tools: innovation and its inhibitors

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### Today's presentation

#### Some innovative digital tools:

- Agile developments
- Maverick championed
- Not procured conventionally
- Use open data

#### Inhibitors to innovation:

- Procurement frameworks and processes
- Specification of the solution, not the problem/opportunity
- Assumption that hackdays and competitions are 'the answer'



### About us

Birmingham-based SME in 11-25 band

Roots in communications: PR, journalism and design

Employ: digital consultants, three developers, a 'social media magician', lots of writers and a video crew

Work for: government organisations large private sector, non-profits and startups

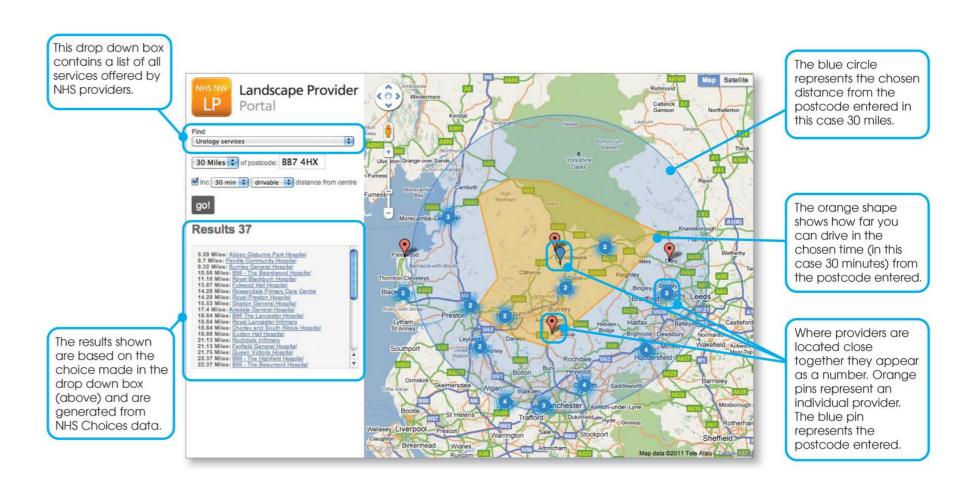




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# Provider Landscape: locating NHS services and presenting their performance data

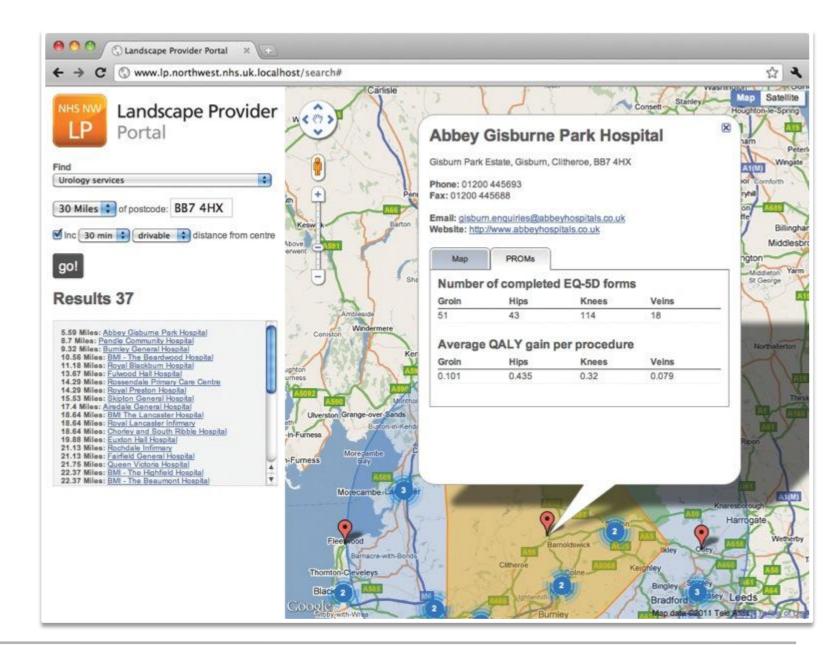
- Commissioned by NHS NW
- Allows NHS
   managers to assess
   local service provision
   (Health Market
   Analysis)
- Enables visualisation of implications of rationalisation
- Uses NHS Choices
   API with Google tools
   to show provider
   locations & distances
   from a specified point





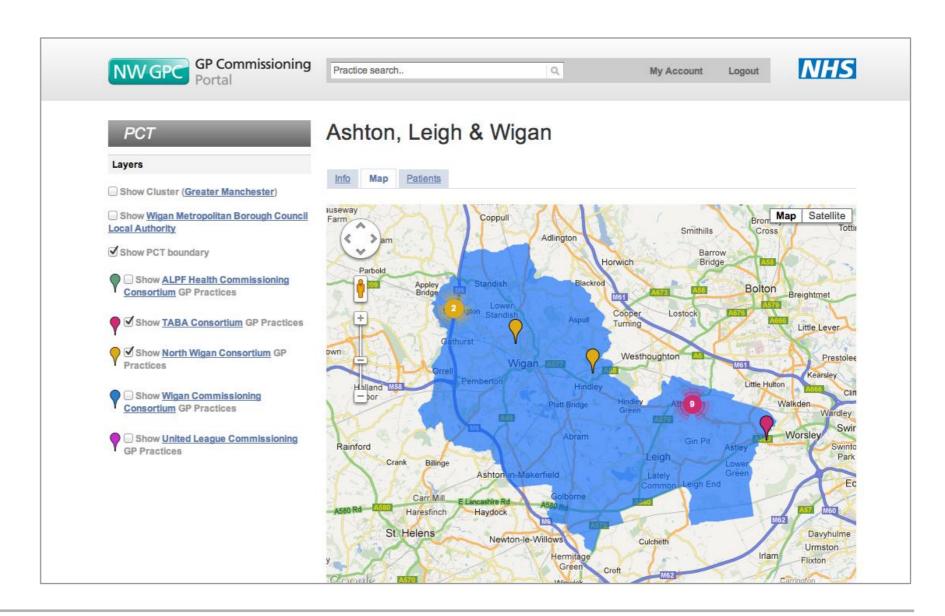
### Provider Landscape: locating NHS services and presenting their performance data

- Additional data provided when locations chosen – in this case performance data
- Huge opportunities for use in patient choice of services because recognises importance of travel and transport
- Could save £££ and significantly improve choice process for adult care services – but will need CQC to provide API....



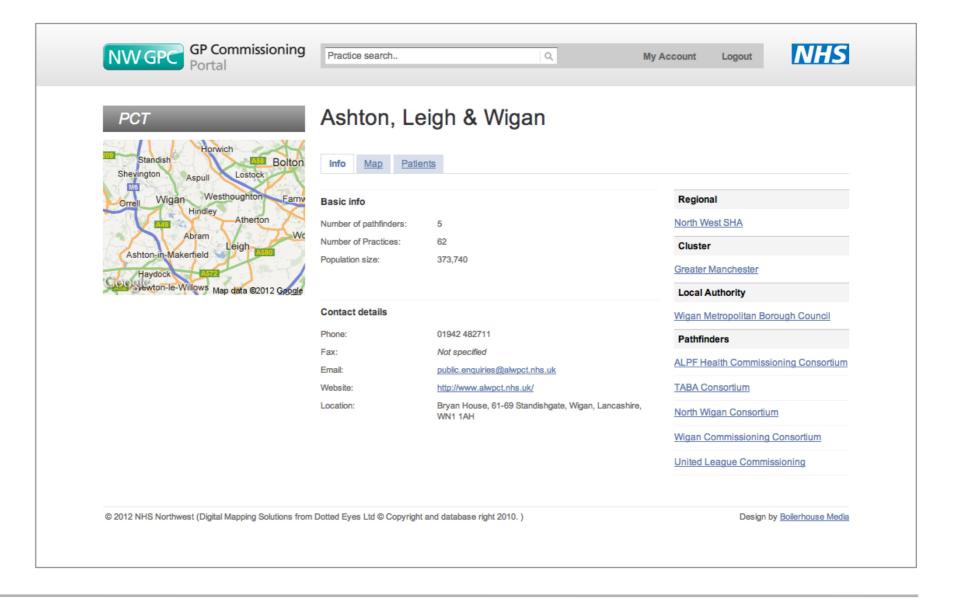


- Developed to support GP commissioing
- Provides easily updated 'single version of the truth' in a highly dynamic situation
- Maps with location points and boundary information provide useful additional facilities



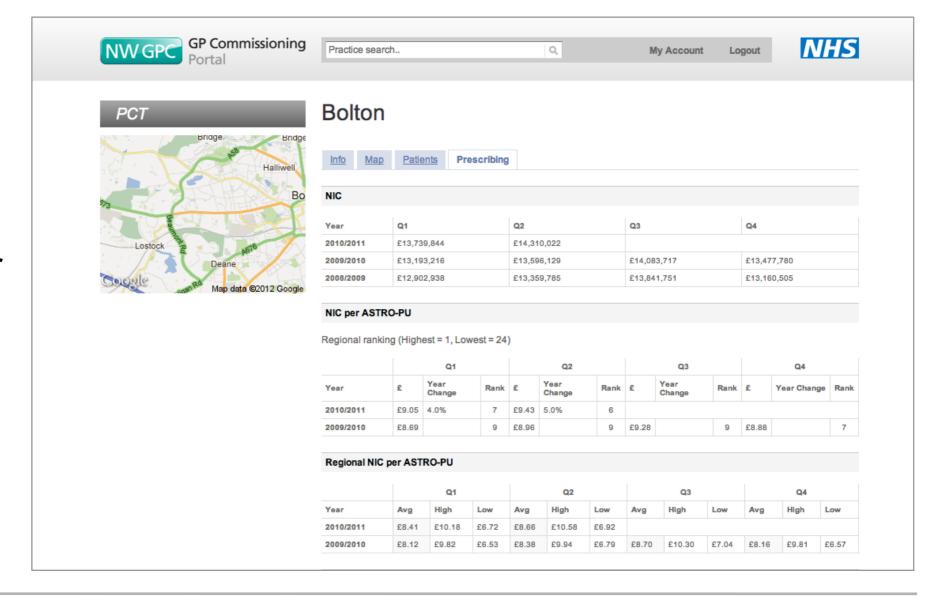


- Provides a really easily updatable directory function
- This compares
   with NHS Choices
   which is hard for
   providers to use
   and therefore
   always out of date



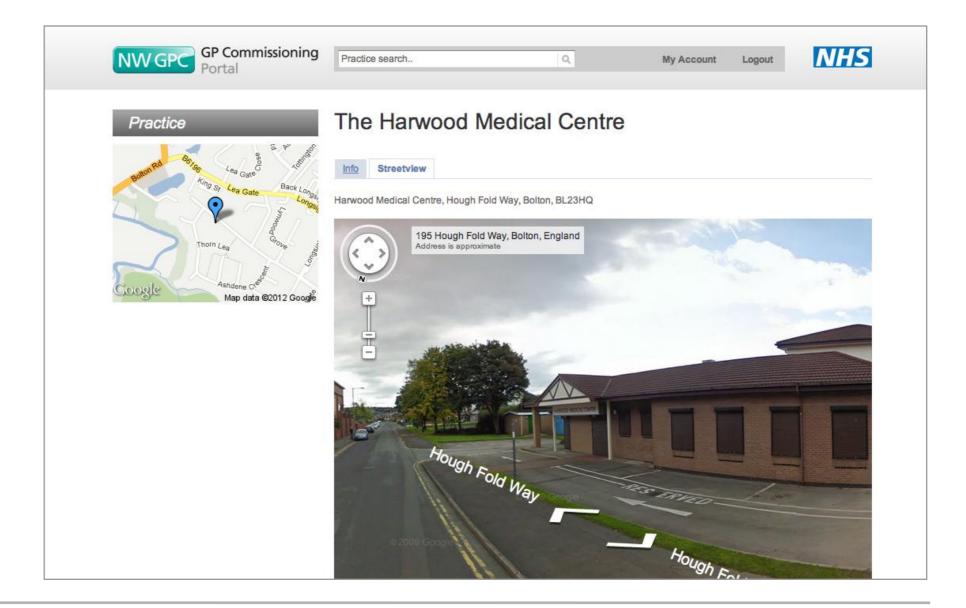


- Can provide access performance data 'all in one place'
- Secure access to data available based on Facebook-like user profile





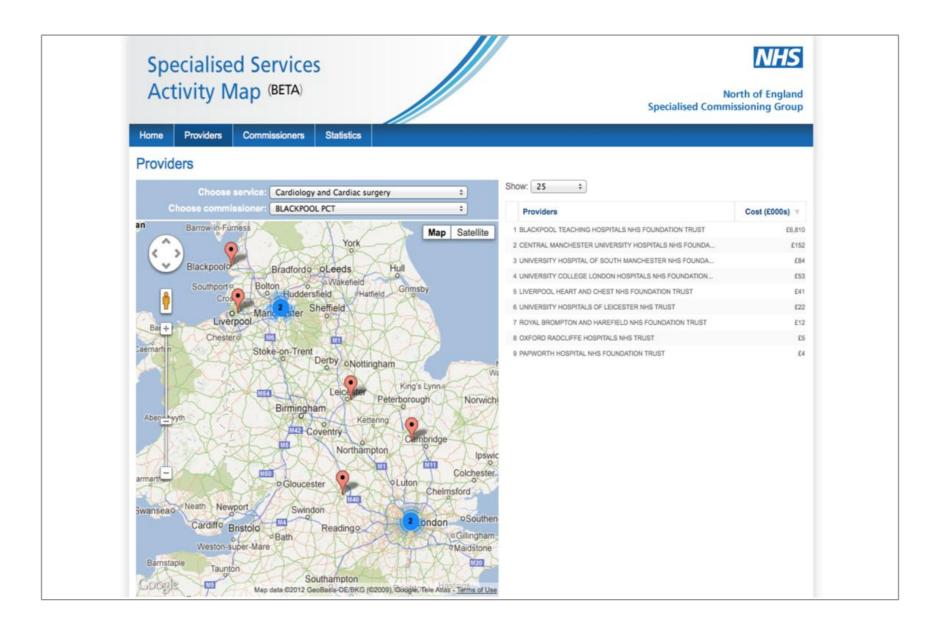
 Incorporates other useful free tools





### Specialised services commissioning tool

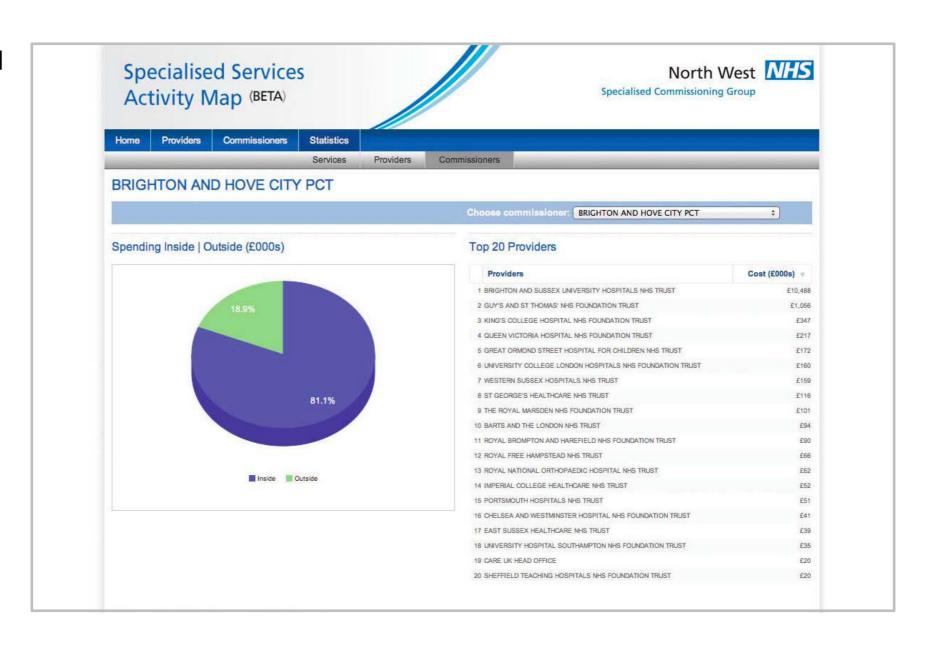
- Provides new insights for commissioning – shows things not immediately obvious from spreadsheets
- eg makes spending with 'outlier' providers easy to see





### Specialised services commissioning tool

- For each provider and commissioner, users can drill down into further information
- Data aggregated at regional level





#### eWIN workforce benchmarking for NHS

- Started with brief 'we do this on spreadsheets: there must be a better way'
- Now used by 4 regional authorities and 100s of PCTs and trusts
- Innovation is in quality of presentation and linking of hard performance data with best practice tools
- Plus its on www and securely accessible from anywhere via username and password

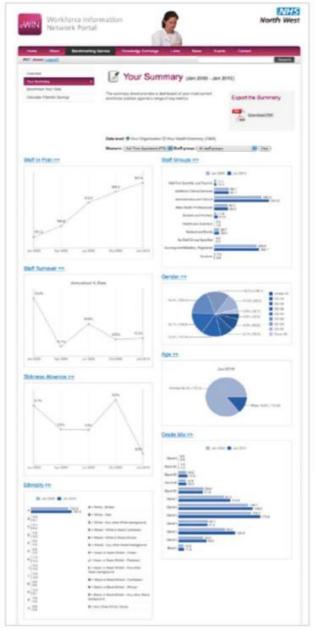




### eWIN workforce benchmarking for NHS

- cutting the cost of performance reporting and data presentation
- easy access through any web browser: data is password protected
- attractive presentation makes data useful, usable, and readily shared







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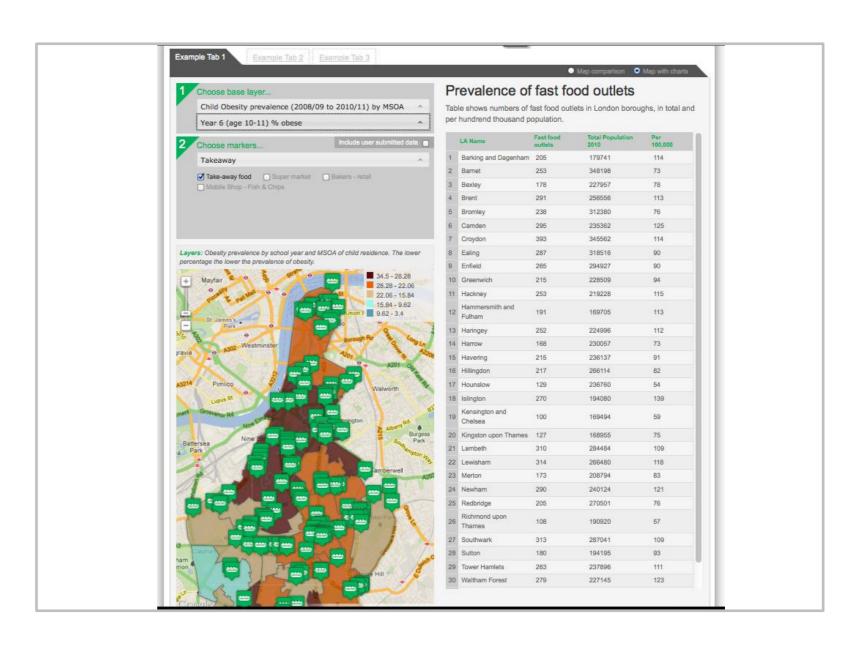
- Project funded by DCLG to show potential of open data to inform decision-making
- Lambeth see citizen access to data as fundamental their 'co-operative council' aspriations
- Uses open data from
   Department for Communities,
   LB Lambeth, National
   Obesity Observatory, and others
- Innovations are simple and not always technical: eg here maps are placed side by side to enable comparison by eye





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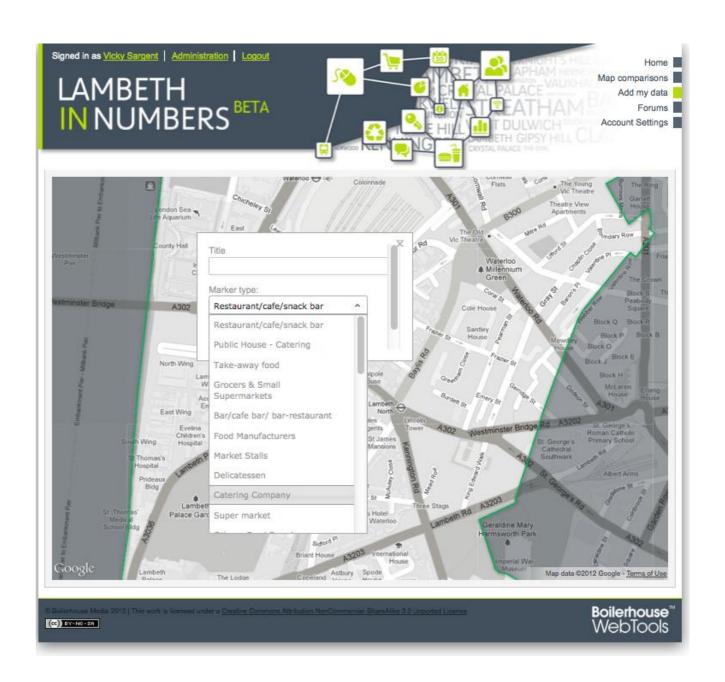
- Data needs to be presented in compelling ways enabling exploration in order to engage non-experts
- Location of facilities can be overlaid onto chosen base layer
- Here we show takeaway outlets overlaid onto base layer showing obesity data for age 10-11
- Lambeth's score for fast food outlets per 100,000 population is shown in table (109) along with other London Boroughs





#### **Local Open Data Demonstrator**

- 'Add' my data function is a 'crowd-sourcing' tool
- Could be used to engage local residents and collect otherwise expensive-to-gather data
- Projects like this show the potential of today's technology to to make data and data manipulation accessible to managers, decision-makers, citizens – unmediated by experts





### What supported these innovations?

	Provider Landscape	GP commissioning tool	Lambeth Open Data	Specialised services	eWin
Agile development					
Maverick championed					
Unconventional procurement					
Use of open data					



#### Inhibitors to innovation

- Closed procurement frameworks kill off experimental projects
- New developments like G-Cloud should help, BUT poor usability of 'SME-friendly' frameworks will deter SMEs
- Procurement rules can inhibit development of hackday outputs
- Specify the solution, not the problem/opportunity: this may be forced by procurement rules
- Competitions can be as onerous and inhibiting as procurements

