

## Draft Memorandum of Understanding (v0.09)

between

InCommon LLC

and

The JNT Association Ltd., trading as JANET(UK)

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### Title

Memorandum of Understanding between InCommon LLC and The JNT Association Ltd., trading as JANET(UK), to facilitate the use of federated access management between their respective members' education and research programmes.

### Parties to the Memorandum

InCommon LLC is ## [Ken to provide something]

The JNT Association (trading as JANET(UK)) is a not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee, which is responsible for the operation and development of JANET, the UK's research and education network, and its associated services. Its objectives are "to deliver a world-class research, learning and education network and supporting services; to drive an innovative development programme relevant to user needs; to be an efficient, responsive and flexible organisation; to be a collaborative and partnering organisation; to support and contribute to policy development."

### Recitals

Whereas:

1. InCommon LLC and The JNT Association Ltd. share the aim of advancing the development and deployment of advanced networked applications and services in and between their education and research communities;
2. InCommon LLC is responsible for the operation of the InCommon federation;
3. The JNT Association Ltd. is responsible for the operation of the UK Access Management Federation for Education and Research;
4. **Member organisations** of each of these federations wish to make their federated on-line services available to users at organisations that are members of the other federation.
5. InCommon LLC and The JNT Association Ltd. wish to facilitate the recognition of assertions made by Identity Providers in one Federation by Service Providers in the other.
6. InCommon LLC and The JNT Association Ltd wish to increase the interoperability of federated systems across international and other boundaries.

**Comment [ANC1]:** Given that we use different terms for the organisations (our members = your participants?) we probably need a different word here (or both)

### Agreement

Now, therefore, InCommon LLC and The JNT Association Ltd. agree as follows:

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1. To exchange, with the approval of the relevant members, descriptions of Service Provider entities owned by members of their federation, which have been validated for use in that federation according to its normal operational standards [the respective validation processes are described at Annex A, and the mechanism for exchange of metadata at Annex B];
2. To make those exchanged descriptions available to their own members, who may make use of them at their own discretion;
3. To inform each other promptly of any subsequent change to descriptions previously exchanged;
4. To inform each other promptly of any change affecting the processes described in Annexes A and B;
5. That the behaviour of any member whose entity description is exchanged shall continue to be bound only by the rules of its home federation;
6. In particular that any complaint about a member shall be made to its home federation operator and dealt with between that member and that operator according to the rules of that federation and subject only to that federation's legal jurisdiction;
7. That neither the existence of this agreement, nor the exchange of information enabled by it, shall create any new legal obligations or rights between members or operators of either federation;
8. In particular that this agreement creates no rights of membership, nor of access to services, between members of the two federations;
9. That any disagreement between the parties to this agreement shall be resolved by discussion between the respective signatories or their successors.
10. That no financial consideration will be expected between InCommon LLC and JANET(UK) as federation operators, and that any financial consideration between members or members and operators is outside the scope of this agreement.

## **Annex A – Member Validation Processes**

The processes used to validate the identity of applicants for membership of the UK Access Management Federation for Education and Research may be found at ##URL##

The processes used to validate entity metadata received from members of the UK Access Management Federation for Education and Research may be found at ##URL##

The processes used to validate the identity of applicants for membership of the InCommon federation may be found at ##URL##

The processes used to validate entity metadata received from members of the InCommon federation may be found at ##URL##

## **Annex B – Infrastructure for Exchange of Metadata**

##This should include tagging of metadata to allow imported metadata to be distinguished from that originating within a federation