

sigma Network: where next?

- Potted history
- Sustaining the network
- Getting involved, staying involved
- What do we want to happen in the South West and South Wales?



Potted history

- 2000: HEA subject centre MSOR Network established
 - 2001: MSOR Connections launched
- 2003: **mathcentre** established (MSOR, Loughborough, Coventry, Leeds, HEFCE, Gatsby Foundation et al.)
- 2005-2010: **sigma** CETL in the provision of mathematics and statistics support established (Lboro, Coventry)
 - 2006: First CETL-MSOR conference organised by **sigma** and the MSOR Network
 - 2008: **sigma** SW&SW is set up as a pilot regional hub
- 2009: **statstutor** established (**sigma**, Loughborough, Coventry, RSS's Centre for Statistical Education)
- 2010: **mathcentre** upgraded (JISC)
- 2010-2012: **sigma** funded by the national HE Stem Programme to establish maths support centres and run specific projects.
 - 2010: a national network of 6 regional hubs established
- 2012: MSOR Network closes: MSOR Connections relaunched by HEA (archived at Plymouth ICSE)
- 2012-2013: **sigma** Network was managed by a steering group from the regional hubs. CETL-MSOR organised by **sigma**. Some MSOR Network resources archived on **mathcentre**,
- 2013: HEA funding cut. MSOR Connections no longer funded
- 2013-2016: **sigma** Network funded by HEFCE grant – supports new maths support centres and related activities, projects, workshops and resources. Continued funding for CETL-MSOR, **mathcentre** and **statstutor**.
 - 2015: MSOR Connections relaunched supported by **sigma** Network and the University of Greenwich
 - 2016: **sigma** Special Interest Group (SIGs) launched



Sustaining the network

- **sigma** is no longer a funded project
- **sigma** will become a professional association
 - Guided by a constitution – to be adopted on 1st August
 - Run by a steering group – interim steering group announced on **sigma** mailing list
 - To be confirmed at CETL-MSOR 2016
- Future of MSOR Connections and the *hosting* of **mathcentre**, **statstutor** and the **sigma** website have been secured
- Priorities over the next year:
 - Continue regional networking meetings
 - Continue tutor training days
 - Support Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
 - Maintain website, mailing list, occasional newsletter
 - Work towards a membership arrangement
 - 2016/17: mailing list subscribers and attendees of CETL-MSOR will be granted membership
 - Collaborate on the future of CETL-MSOR
 - Talks with IMA regarding CETL-MSOR 2017
 - Possibility that an institution may offer to host/admin CETL-MSOR 2018

Getting involved, staying involved



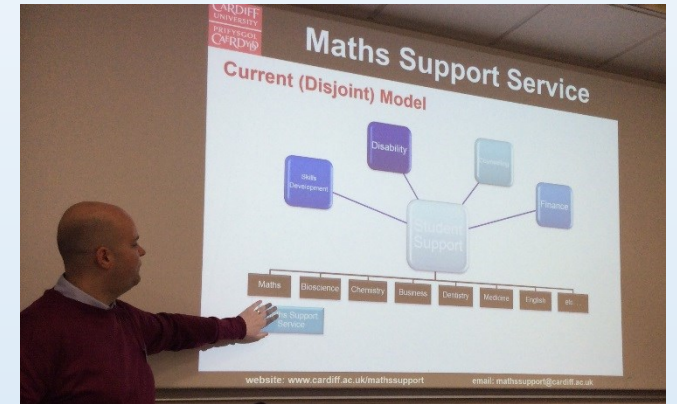
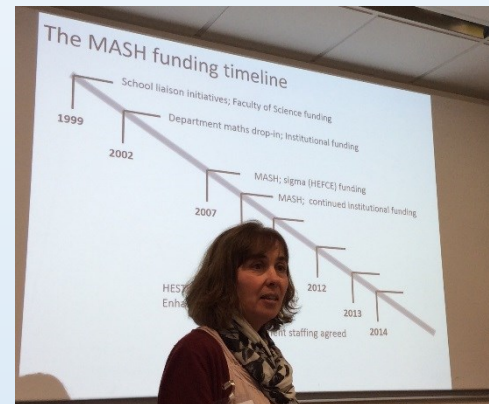
- Join the **sigma** mailing list: <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/sigma-network>
- Attend CETL-MSOR 2016: <http://www.sigma-network.ac.uk/cetl-msor-conference-2016/>
- Publish in MSOR Connections: <https://journals.gre.ac.uk/index.php/msor>
- Add resources via the community projects:
 - **mathcentre**: <http://www.mathcentre.ac.uk/communities/>
 - **statstutor**: <http://www.statstutor.ac.uk/communities/>
- Join or express interest in a **sigma** SIG:
 - Statistics Support: Alun Owen and Ellen Marshall
 - Employability: Jeff Waldock and Peter Rowlett
 - Accessibility: Emma Cliffe and Clare Trott
- Host an event...?



Past sigma SW&SW events

- Mathematical literacy, July 2016, University of Exeter
- Beyond **math**centre: electronic resources for maths support, Jan 2016, University of South Wales
- Tutor training event, Oct 2015, Cardiff University
- Statistics for non-statisticians, July 2015, University of Bath
- Embedding and sustaining mathematics support, Jan 2015, University of Bath
- Tutor training event, Oct 2014, University of Portsmouth
- Graduate numeracy tests, July 2014, University of Bath
- Ideas exchange and development, Mar 2014, University of the West of England

See the handout for further examples...



sigma SW&SW: what next?

- What workshops would we like to see in our region?
- Do we want to share a PGT training event in the next year?
- Do we want to maintain a SW&SW mailing list and website?
- Can your institution host a workshop/training in the next 3 years?
 - Organisation?
 - Get a small group of us together to help arrange the event
 - Get in touch with someone from the steering group!
 - Budget for?
 - Anything from a room for the afternoon, tea and coffee for ~15
 - to a room, AV, multiple speakers expenses, refreshments and lunch for up to 30