

# Using ePortfolios with health professional learners to develop their digital identities for learning and continuing professional development

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## What do we mean by ePortfolios?

- ePortfolios have the potential to promote learning and encourage personal development by supporting
  - (a) the learning process
  - (b) the product of learning
  - (c) the transition of learners at various stages of their lifelong and life-wide journey.
- Web-based system which facilitates the development, collection and organisation of digital resources



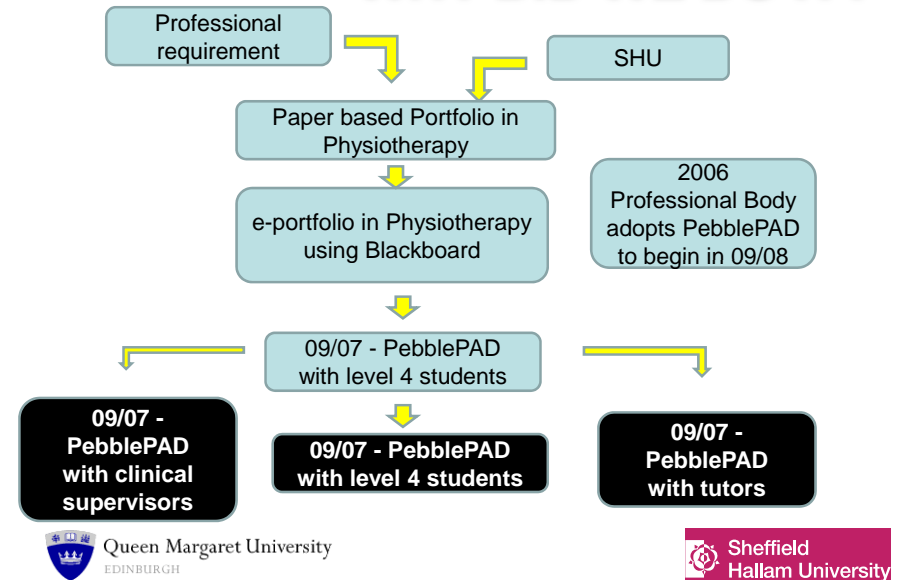
## QMU case study

- ePortfolios at QMU
- Jane Hislop (Lecturer in Physiotherapy)
- Used ePortfolio with:
  - A Professional Studies module as the medium for submission of a reflective assignment
  - Students on placement who complete an ePortfolio as part of their clinical studies
- **Video:**  
<http://www.qmu.ac.uk/cap/video/WmvOutputHislop/JaneHislop-ConferenceTitles.wmv>

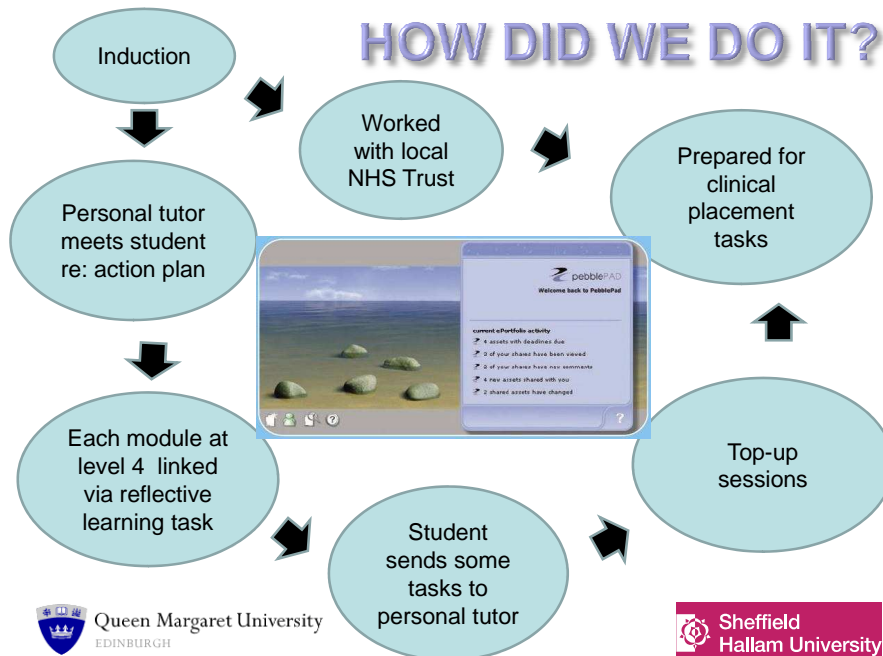


# SHU experience

# WHY DID WE DO IT?

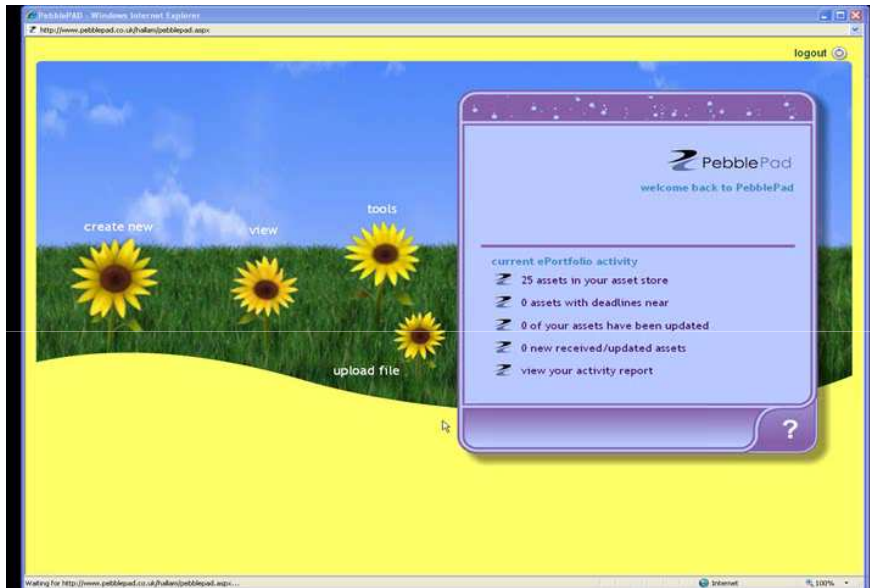


# HOW DID WE DO IT?



# My Experience

- personal development portfolio
- as a visiting tutor
- as a personal tutor



## Summary: SHU

Students can share resources electronically with each other, and tutors or anyone who has internet access

Students develop skills in using the ePortfolio and collect experiences and reflection

## Future Developments

- All students now have an account with the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP)
- Integrated into level 5 and 6 modules, building on reflection, clinical experience and CV writing skills.

## Concluding remarks

- It is a requirement of physiotherapy's professional body to have a development portfolio
- Integration into the course allows development of skills in using the software, as well as building of experiences for a portfolio
- Using in clinical practice "spreads the word" with clinical educators and aids communication

## Resources

- Examples of case studies at QMU:  
<http://www.qmu.ac.uk/eportfolio>
- Sheffield Hallam website:  
<http://www.shu.ac.uk>
- JISCinfoNet – general resource on ePortfolios  
<http://www.jiscinfonet.ac.uk/infokits/e-portfolios>



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