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Proportion not Perfection
progressing practice for positive progress

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Coming up

- Context
- AC^{erm} project
 - headline findings
 - two strategic findings
- Tactics for moving forward
- Conclusions



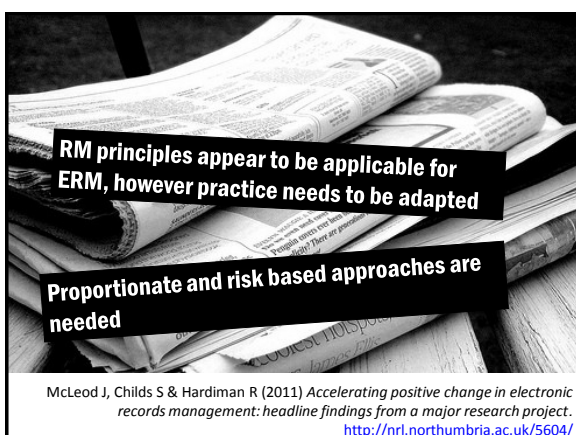
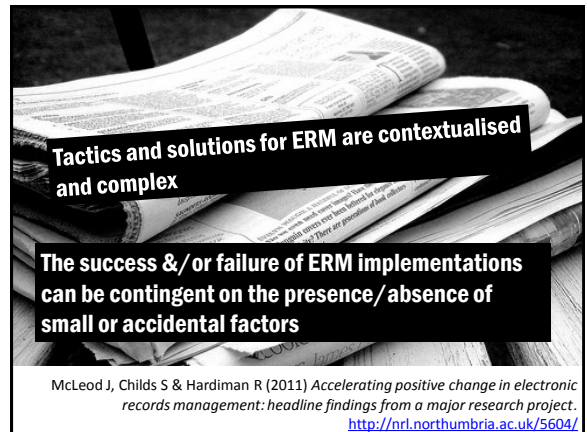
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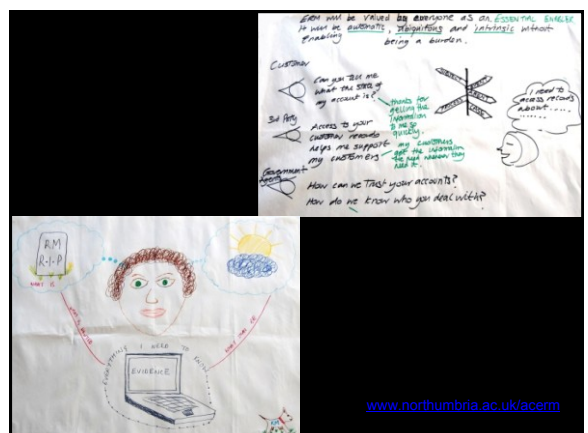


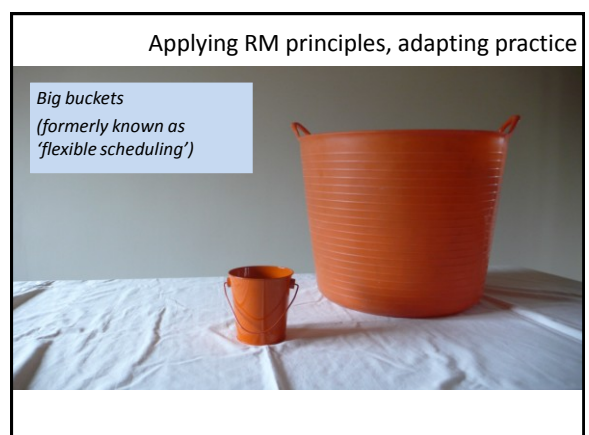
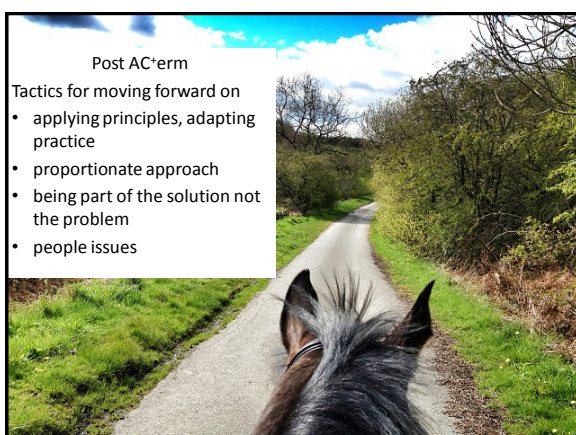
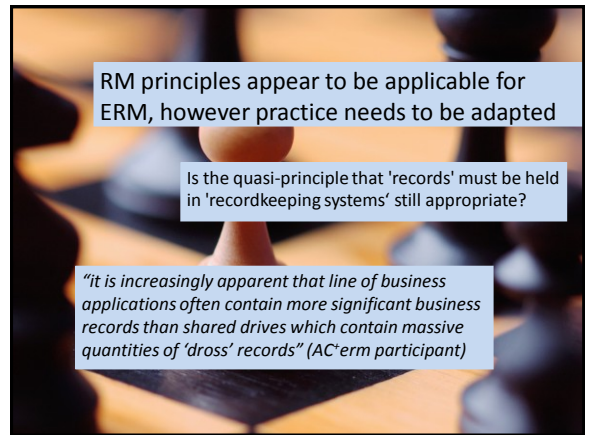
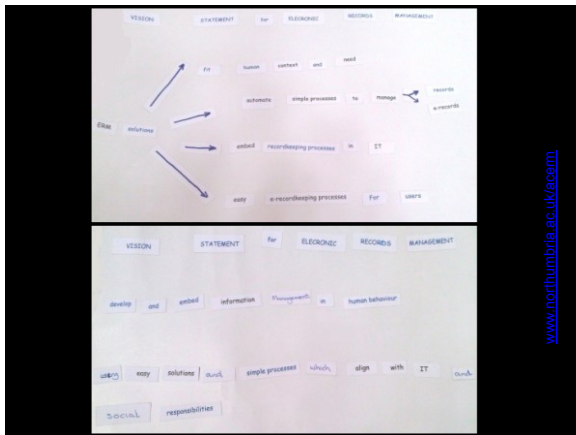
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in **erm** (AC^{erm})

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Applying RM principles, adapting practice



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Big buckets
(formerly known as
'flexible scheduling')



Proportionate & risk based approach

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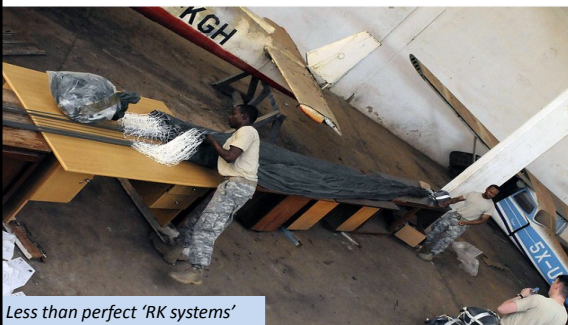
"A good battle plan that you act on today can be better than a perfect one tomorrow"

General George S. Patton

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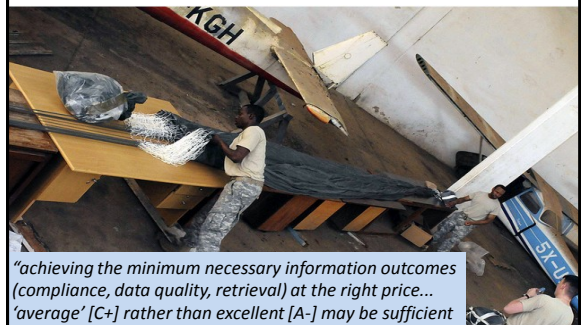
"Le mieux est l'ennemi du bien"
Voltaire, La Bégueule, 1772

Proportionate & risk based approach



Less than perfect 'RK systems'

Proportionate & risk based approach

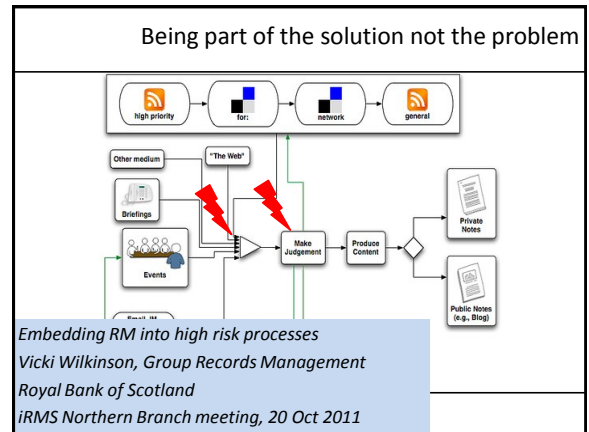


"achieving the minimum necessary information outcomes (compliance, data quality, retrieval) at the right price... 'average' [C+] rather than excellent [A-] may be sufficient or simply necessary" (Anon, 2011)


Being part of the solution not the problem



The DATUM projects
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People issues



...are predominant, fundamental & challenging

People issues

“The digital transition took out the information middlemen – librarians – a process called disintermediation. This is very much the elephant in the room.”

‘Disintermediated, decoupled and down’
Nicholas, *CILIP Update*, Apr 2012

