Making a (collection of) molehill(s) out of a mountain: E-discovery case study .

E-discovery case study

Digital Forensics for Preservation briefing day

Discovery led refinement

P4: Well actually what [class] contracts does the company have? And no one in the company knows or can tell you so you're then trying to piece that together. You know you're seeing references to [contract a], you're seeing references to [contract b], to [contract c], to [contract d] and you've got no idea and you're trying to build up absolutely everything. I mean the scope of what you're trying to do is immense and you're having to define it as you go along…

Discovery-led recursive decomposition

(1) Researching brought information to light that acted as a cue for more focused lines of enquiry. Without this these focused lines of enquiry would have been impossible;

(2) New lines of enquiry were not complete departures but sub-problems. Once the investigation of a sub-issue had been exhausted, outcomes could propagate back up to inform the superordinate issues;

(3) Despite 2, each new line of enquiry was independent insofar as it posed new questions and gave rise to new research strategies;