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Lifting Barriers: Using Talis Aspire with our Alternative Formats Service

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Alternative formats service



- Accessible copies of resources for eligible students
- Obtain reading list texts from two main sources:
 - RNIB Bookshare
 - Direct publisher requests

Alternative formats service



- Providing Alternative Formats Service for over 10 years
- Complex workflow, increased demand
- Service review 2018-19

Continuous Improvement

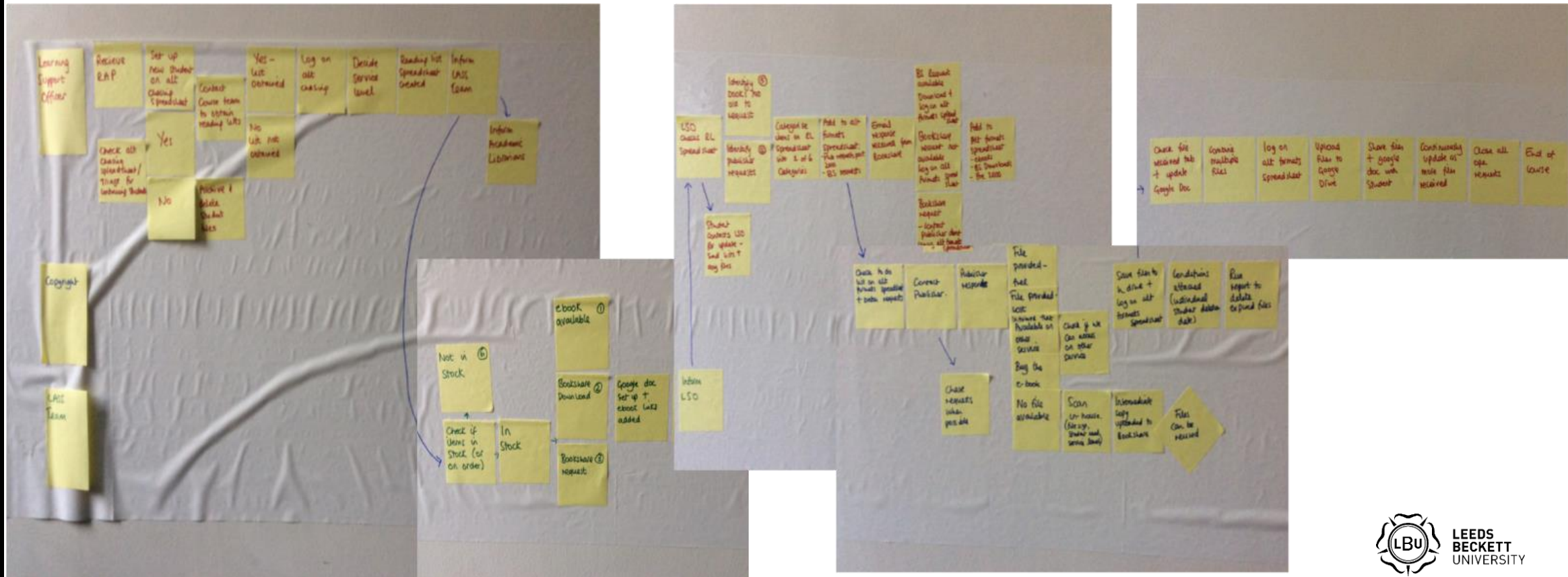
“If you can’t describe what you are doing as a process, you don’t know what you are doing”

W. Edwards Deming



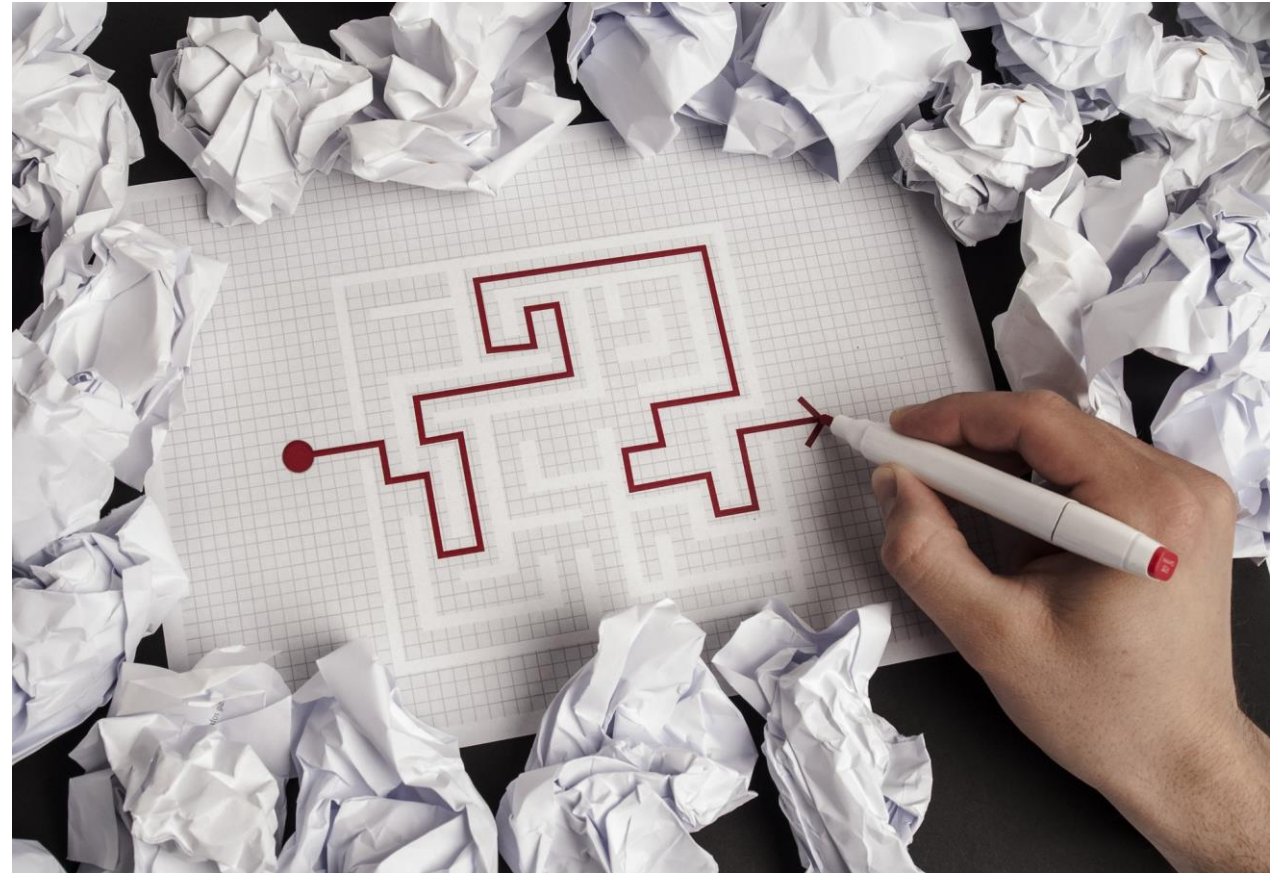
Problem

Inefficient workflow



Solution

Streamlined
workflow



Problem

Alternative Formats students using a different reading list to their peers

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


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Solution

Providing a parity of experience

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Problem

Limited access
to wider reading

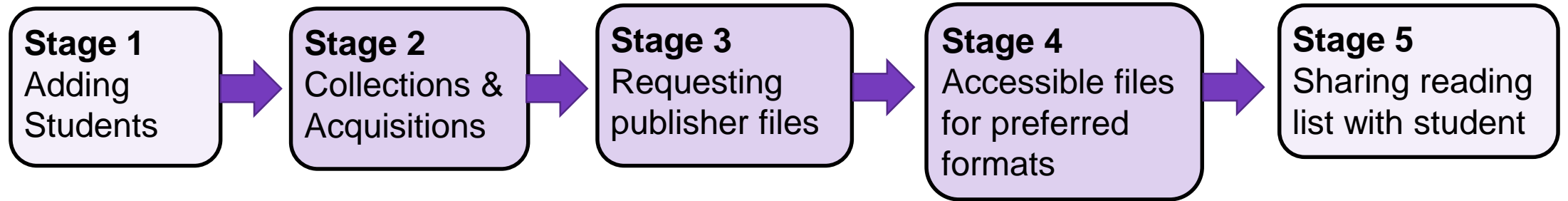


Solution

Enabling
independent learning



Alternative Formats Workflow



Student feedback sessions

“I feel like this will be life changing for me. Because you can literally just click and it is there. The amount of times I literally have had to go into different tabs to get things, but it is all in one place which is really nice.”

Alternative Formats Student



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Semester 1 - Statistics

- **61 Students** using the service
- **154 Alt Formats Talis Reading Lists** created and shared
- **154 RNIB Bookshare Reading Lists** created and shared
- **81 RNIB Bookshare downloads** - non reading list titles
- **240 Publisher titles** requested (172 supplied)

Student Video

Alternative formats - a student perspective

Proactive service, help available, flexible approach



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Better service for students

- More efficient
- Independent learning
- Up to date reading list & resources





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Thank you

Any questions?