



Data Futures Update

November 2021



Programme Update

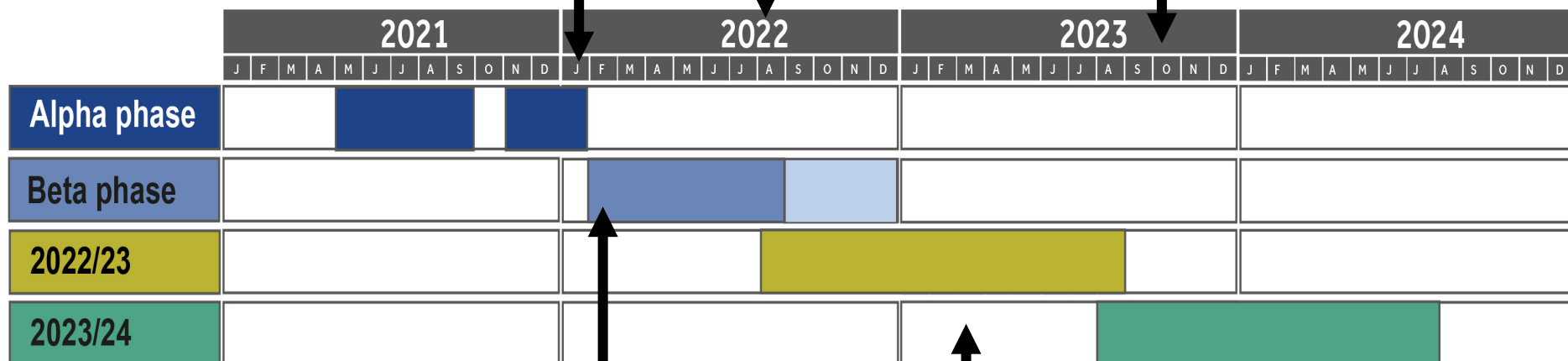
- Data Futures Programme is continuing at a rapid pace
- Completed first phase of Alpha testing, and on track for phase 2 later in the coming weeks
- Data Futures goes live for 2022/23
- First year implementation is the new data model and new HESA Data Platform, with an annual retrospective collection
- Beta pilot refinement underway ahead of launch next year – coding manual released end of September
- Beta 1.1.0 coding manual published 11 November
- Increasing engagement with the sector – launch of DF monthly newsletter to complement other communications and events
- E-learning on the specification is live, and more modules will follow on the quality assurance approach, data migration and using the HESA Data Platform

Programme Timeline

2022/23 coding manual published - early 2022

Data needs to be collected in the new format - 1 Aug 2022

Final Submission and Sign-off of 2022/23 collection – Oct 2023



Beta starts
– Feb 2022

HESA Data Platform
will open for the
2022/23 collection -
early 2023

Alpha Pilot

- A key phase of the Data Futures programme
- Completing testing with 14 providers – covering all nations, different sizes and provision
- Focusing on core end to end process and functionality within the new HESA Data Platform (HDP)
- Completed using a combination of moderated and un-moderated usability sessions and workshops, all remotely
- Have also explored:
 - The migrated data mappings
 - Approach to Quality Assurance
 - The requirements for an Online validation tool
 - Interaction with the HESA website

HESA Alpha Findings – so far

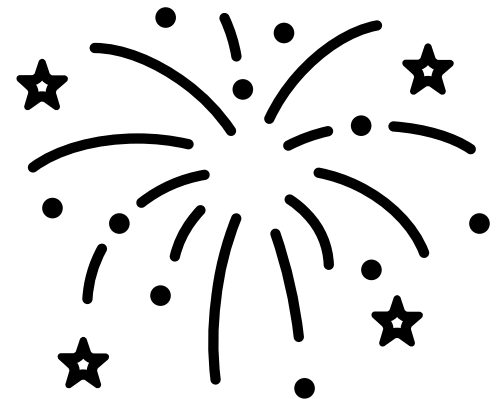
- Alpha have undertaken:
 - 14 usability sessions,
 - 18 hours of webinars and group workshops,
 - 2 software releases into HDP
 - over 250 hours of provider participation,
 - 11 weekly drop in sessions,
 - 1 data migration assignment
- Only one significant bug found – only affected one provider, and was extremely useful for the team to find early
- Useful feedback from Alpha participants about the look and feel of the new HDP
- Minor updates/new requirements added to the backlog of work
- Alpha participants have found the pilot useful
 - Have a better grasp of the technical requirements
 - Increased insight into how other organisations are approaching DF
 - Increased visibility internally within the providers of Data Futures
 - Better understanding of the Data model and the changes required

Alpha Next steps

- Phase 2 starting imminently – due to reopen HDP next week
 - Phase 2 will include a subset of the original Alpha participants
 - Alpha Phase 2 will focus on ‘real data’ submissions, in addition to continuation of migration refinement and dedicated workshops on monitoring sector readiness, and engagement with the coding manual
 - Continue to use this forum to gather feedback ahead of Beta start
 - Progress report from this phase will be available in January 2022
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Upcoming

- Focus is turning to the launch of the Beta pilot phase
- The 2022/23 coding manual release
- Continued engagement with the sector
- Additional details to be published on the transition year
- Looking ahead to attendance at other sector conferences next year

Key Resources

- Coding Manual

<https://codingmanual.hesa.ac.uk/>

- E-learning

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/services/e-learning/data-futures-training>

- Alpha Webpages

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/data-futures/alpha-phase>

- Beta Webpages

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/data-futures/beta-phase>

- DF Monthly Newsletter

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/data-futures-monthly-update-sign-up>

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Any questions?

