



Data Futures Update

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Agenda

- A Quick Recap
- Current Focus
- Next Steps
- Consultation and Engagement
- Benefits
- Key Messages



What is Data Futures?



- New UK wide HE student data infrastructure solution
- For collection, quality assurance and dissemination of data
- Using a new HE student data model (Student and AP record – ITT later)
- Providing timely, assured, in-year data three times a year
- For Statutory Customers and potentially other data customers



Programme Timeline





Current Focus

- Working through change of direction (from continuous to discrete collections)
 - Implications for specification and technical solution
- Re-confirming functional and non-functional requirements
- Strengthened governance
- Redevelopment of the Specification:
 - Necessary changes to move to discrete collections
 - Revisiting areas seen as challenging (curriculum, FTE, off venue activity)
 - Taking the time to needed to increase stability and minimise (not eliminate) future change
- Continued engagement with the sector



Next Steps

- Requirements review and sign-off
- Continue consultation on the specification
- Production of supporting guidance for the specification
- Solution development
- Quality rules development
- Refine delivery plans including transition
- Continued engagement with the sector



Consultation and Engagement

- Programme & Sponsoring Boards Statutory Customers, UUK, GuildHE, UCISA, ARC, AHUA, HESPA, Jisc, ONS
- Statutory Customer Workshops
- Software Suppliers Workshops
- Provider Forum IHE, SROC, HESPA, UCISA, ARC
- Sector events including conferences, workshops, meetings
- Software Supplier user groups
- Consultation on the specification
- Readiness Surveys
- JISCmail and Website updates
- And of course, our Alpha Group



A big thank you to our Alpha Group





Benefits

- High quality data 3 times a year for Statutory Customers
- Better utility of data (timeliness, better model, fit for use by other data customers)
- More timely data to support decision making
- Improved responsiveness to change



Key Messages

- In-year data driver remains
- 3 complete submissions each academic year each a full submission of all relevant fields at each stage
- Data such as entry qualifications required in the collection in which studies commence (earlier than currently)
- Providers may need to revise their processes to cater for this and to check or improve data quality prior to submission
- Providers engaging with coding manual changes is very helpful and much appreciated
- <u>Data Futures key concepts area</u> for more on discrete collections, reference periods and quality expectations
- Mandatory trial for all providers, prior to go live
- More information will be provided when we can



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