

Newsletter – May 2015

HEDIIP publishes a vision for the redesigned information landscape

HEDIIP has published the results of a major study by KPMG into the design of the future HE information landscape. This work has involved extensive consultation and analysis and has resulted in a comprehensive report that sets out a coherent vision and a roadmap to implementation.

The report sets out four key building blocks that are required to achieve the HEDIIP aims of reducing the burden on HE providers and improving the quality, timeliness and accessibility of data and information about HE.

1. Collective governance and oversight of the landscape, underpinned by common data principles

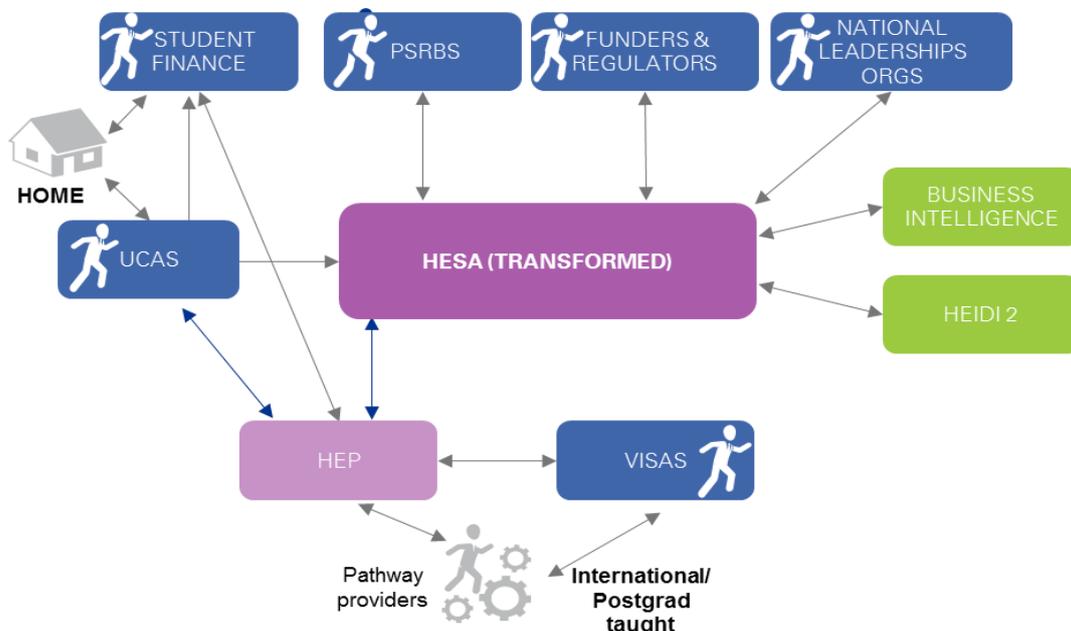
The report recommends the establishment of an information landscape governance board which will provide governance and stewardship of the core data specifications and act as a filter for new or duplicate requests for data. Its work will be underpinned by an agreed set of data principles which should provide a basis for all collectors consciously working towards a common cause.

2. Development of a standard HE data set

A set of common data definitions that can be used across the landscape to make reporting more efficient and make published information more comparable.

3. Rationalisation of data collections through a transformed HESA collection process

The report sets out a model of data flows that is summarised in the diagram below.



At the core of this model is the transformed HESA collection process which will be delivered through the HESA CACHED programme.

Improved data capability

This will increase the quality and efficiency of data processes resulting in better information and lower risk. HEDIIP is already making significant progress in this area through the development of a self-assessment toolkit to help organisations understand and improve their data capability (see below).

Links:

New Landscape Project <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/new-landscape/>
HESA CACHED <https://cached.hesa.ac.uk/>

New Subject Coding System

Consultation on the new coding scheme and the draft governance and adoption plans ended on 29 May. The consultation site has generated a high level of interest and the project team will now analyse the feedback.

The project held a Webinar, hosted by Jisc, on 23 April to outline a description of why the new scheme is being developed, how it differs from JACS3 and how the sector can provide feedback.

The project will now be working with a number of core sector bodies in order to agree a standard approach to subject based analysis using the new scheme. The project will also focus on coding subjects into the new scheme for submission of this deliverable to the HEDIIP programme in June.

Links:

Subject Coding project http://hediip.ac.uk/subject_coding/
Consultation website <https://subjectcoding.wordpress.com>
Webinar recording <https://subjectcoding.wordpress.com/participate/hecos-webinar/>

The Unique Learner Number

A draft ULN Blueprint report has been produced, reflecting the extensive engagement undertaken with the sector since September 2014. The report will be published on the HEDIIP website in June. The report divides the next stage of this journey into a number of work packages which will be led by implementation partners across the sector. The project has worked with stakeholders across the UK in order to achieve a coherent UK-wide approach to student identifiers.

Links:

Unique Learner Number project <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/the-uln/>

Data Capability

After extensive development, trialling and two pilot studies at HE institutions, the Data Capability toolkit will be published on the HEDIIP website on 5 June. It sets out a process of determining an aspirational data management maturity level, assessing the current level and developing an improvement plan to close the gaps.

Future work in this area will focus on the broader adoption of this agenda amongst HE providers and the establishment of a community of practice. This work compliments the business intelligence maturity work being undertaken by the HESA/Jisc BI project; sound data management underpins the efficient and effective use of data for operational use, business intelligence and external reporting.

Links:

Data Capability project <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/data-capability/>
HESA/Jisc BI project <https://business-intelligence.ac.uk/>

About HEDIIP

The Higher Education Data & Information Improvement Programme has been established to redesign the information landscape in order to arrive at a new system that reduces the burden on data providers and improves the quality, timeliness and accessibility of data and information about HE. The programme is hosted by HESA and is funded by:



HEDIIP is overseen by a Programme Board and supported by an Advisory Panel.

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