

Newsletter – November 2015

Presented below are the elements of the New Landscape and the projects underway to achieve these elements.

1. Collective Governance and Oversight

The New Landscape governance will be hosted by HESA and will be formed in the spring of 2016. The details of the structure, membership and operations of the governance function are currently being determined.

Inventory Review

The Inventory Review project commenced in November to review the Inventory of HE data collections and develop an updated inventory that meets the needs of the sector. The inventory will be a tool to be used by the governance of the New Landscape in order to understand the data collections taking place across the sector. Similarly it is also a resource to be used by data collectors and data providers.

The project is planning consultation and will seek to understand from data collectors and data providers the value of the current inventory and requirements for development. The project will also seek to validate the information already held in the inventory and populate the gaps. Consultation is expected to commence in January 2016.

Inventory of HE data collections	http://hediip.ac.uk/inventory-of-he-data-collections/
Inventory Review project	http://hediip.ac.uk/inventory-review/

2. Standard HE Dataset

Data Language

The Data Language project also commenced in November and was established to develop a common HE student dataset with agreed data definitions. The project has been working with a number of key data collectors and four workshops have been scheduled with HE Providers in Manchester (27 Nov), London (30 Nov & 01 Dec) and Edinburgh (08 Dec).

The project is collecting intelligence on both the sector's current and future student data requirements and is also holding discussions with regard to the data language in use. Meeting outputs are being analysed against the HESA Student and AP data models and specifications and also the HEDIIP lexicon and thesaurus. The project will be publishing the current HESA logical student data model to the HEDIIP website alongside a very early proposal of the new model for discussion. Data collectors and data providers will have the opportunity to comment on the suggested changes.

The finalised dataset and definitions will be handed over to HESA in July 2016 for implementation as part of HESA Data Futures.

Data Language project	http://hediip.ac.uk/he-data-language/
HEDIIP Lexicon and Thesaurus	http://www.hediip.ac.uk/PUMA/

Unique Learner Number

The ULN will be included in the HE student dataset. In September the Adoption Management Plan was produced to coordinate the ULN adoption process. Implementation partners, HESA, UCAS and the SFA, are continuing to progress their work packages with the HEDIIP Programme Management Office managing the dependencies. Implementation partners are submitting monthly progress reports to the HEDIIP PMO.

The HEDIIP PMO convened a second meeting with organisations in Scotland on 27 October to discuss interoperability between the ULN and the Scottish Candidate Number. The meeting included representatives from the Scottish Government, Scottish Funding Council, Scottish Qualifications Authority, Skills Development Scotland, NHS Education Scotland, Student Awards Agency for Scotland and the Learning Records Service. The group identified preferred options for detailed implication analysis. A write-up of the proposed model to achieve interoperability between the ULN and the SCN has been circulated to the relevant bodies in Scotland for further consideration. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for 3 February.

The HEDIIP PMO also continues to work closely with Health Education England on this project.

ULN project Adoption Management Plan	http://hediip.ac.uk/the-uln-in-he/ http://hediip.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/HEDIIP_ULN_Adoption-Management-Plan_2015-09-09_published_version.pdf
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Subject Coding

It is also envisaged that the new coding scheme HECoS (Higher Education Classification of Subjects) will be included in the HE student dataset.

Stage 2 of the Subject Coding project has now come to an end and all project deliverables have been handed over to the HEDIIP PMO. In its entirety this includes: requirements analysis, proposed coding scheme, finalised coding scheme, recommendations for subject-based analysis and text mining, governance plan, and adoption plan. All of these deliverables are quite substantial documents and the HEDIIP PMO is producing a summary report that will include the key project messages, findings and recommendations. This report, along with the full documents, will be published in December.

Subject Coding project	http://hediip.ac.uk/subject_coding/
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3. Transformed HESA Collection

HESA Data Futures

The HESA Data Futures consultation is live and responses will be accepted until 18 December. A number of workshops have also been taking place with HE Providers across the UK in order to outline the proposed direction of travel, ascertain the level of support, and expose any challenges or concerns.

An analysis of consultation responses will be made available in the New Year.

HESA Data Futures Programme	https://www.hesa.ac.uk/component/content/article?id=3738
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4. Improved Data Capability

Data Capability

The Data Capability project has been busy running a number of workshops with HE Providers, providing further support to individual institutions, and harvesting and analysing sector data capability assessments. Stage 2 of this project comes to an end in December. In January the Stage 2 report will be published to communicate the headline findings from the self-assessments submitted both during and after the Data Capability workshops. This report presents some highly interesting results. A further stage of this project is being planned for early 2016.

The Data Capability Toolkit has undergone some redevelopment in order to greater align the online process with what is taught in the workshops. The updated toolkit went online on 1 December.

Data Capability project	http://hediip.ac.uk/data-capability/
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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:



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