Newsletter – June 2016

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

1. Collective Governance and Oversight

Inventory Review

During April and May a questionnaire was published online to verify the information held in the Inventory and to also try to populate some of the gaps. Responses were invited from both data collectors and HE Providers. A number of responses were received and the Inventory updated accordingly. However, some of the entries still had quite a few missing fields and the decision was therefore taken to keep the questionnaire open for responses and to also contact some HE Providers to ask for help in verifying entries for PSRBs that accredit their courses. The Inventory will continue to be updated as responses come in.

As the project nears its end a final project report is also being developed which will include recommendations for governance and maintenance of the Inventory moving forwards. It is hoped that the Inventory will become a useful resource for the HE Data Landscape Steering Group in driving rationalisation of data collections.

Reports and questionnaire	https://hediip.ac.uk/inventory-review/
Inventory of HE data collections	https://hediip.ac.uk/inventory-of-he-data-collections/

2. Standard HE Dataset

Data Language

The project has now reached the final consultation stage and v2.1 of the model has been published, accompanied by some questions seeking assurance that the model can be used as a basis for HESA Data Futures implementation work, and elsewhere. Following this, a final version of the model will be developed for review by the Project Board and the model and associated output will then be handed over to HESA. The deadline for responses to the final consultation is **Friday 17 June**.

The project team are continuing to work through responses received on v2.0 of the model and also respond to comments coming in on the latest version. Between now and July there are also some additional meetings scheduled with data collectors to work through some areas of the model that require further development. While a formal proposal has been published it should be acknowledged that the model will continue to require development as Higher Education continues to evolve.

The project ran a workshop with HESPA colleagues in London on 24 May. This workshop provided the opportunity to update attendees on the Data Language project, and outline where this work sits within the broader HEDIIP agenda and how it relates to HESA Data Futures. There was also an update on the Subject Coding project as HECoS is an important part of the new Data Language.

Data Language Discussion Page	https://hediip.ac.uk/he-data-language-discussion/
Data Language Project	https://hediip.ac.uk/he-data-language/

Unique Learner Number

HEDIIP continues to receive monthly updates from implementation partners (HESA, UCAS & SFA) outlining progress on individual work packages. Things are moving ahead however progress has not been as fast as was hoped due to organisational changes and policy changes/discussions across the UK.

The adoption of the ULN in HE will be taken forward after HEDIIP by the HE Data Landscape Steering Group and Advisory Panel and oversight of the delivery of the blueprint will therefore continue.

ULN project	http://hediip.ac.uk/the-uln-in-he/

Subject Coding

Cetis developed the mappings from HECoS to JACS and JACS to HECoS and colleagues were invited to provide feedback. The project team have worked through comments made and a final mapping is being produced.

Cetis were also tasked with developing a common aggregation hierarchy. A proposal has been published to the HEDIIP website and feedback is invited by **Friday 10 June**. A webinar, hosted by Jisc, has been organised for the 7 June and this will involve discussion of the aggregation hierarchy as well as a general update on the Subject Coding project as a whole. You can register for a place here.

The HEDIIP PMO met with UCAS to hold an initial discussion on an implementation plan for HECoS. A proposal was made and UCAS will be undertaking some impact analysis to determine whether this timescale is feasible. The PMO will then arrange discussions with other key bodies in preparation for announcing the plan in July.

Subject Coding Project	https://hediip.ac.uk/subject_coding/
Webinar (7 June)	https://t.co/sWQwHOLAdi

3. Transformed HESA Collection

HESA Data Futures

HESA continues to focus on appointing a prime contractor and an OJEU procurement process is underway; further information can be found on the Data Futures webpage.

During the second half of 2016 HESA will be running a project to define the new Student Data Collection specification.

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

4. Improved Data Capability

Data Capability

A number of Data Capability seminars were run in April and May bringing together colleagues who had started on the Data Capability improvement journey and also come colleagues new to the process. There is some fantastic work being done across the sector and Alex is continuing to provide as much support as possible to different organisations before the project comes to an end in July.

Work is in progress to develop some Data Capability webinars which will be delivered through HESA training. The lighter version of the toolkit which was tested with smaller institutions will also be published to the HEDIIP website over the coming month.

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

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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