



Newsletter – February 2014

Understanding the full extent of data collection

One of the key challenges we face is gaining a better understanding of the range and variety of data collections that currently exist.

The HEDIIP inventory of data collections shines some light on the overall number of HE data collections (over 500 and counting) but with many of these being subject or area specific, the actual data collections faced by individual institutions could vary dramatically depending on the range of external bodies they deal with.

The HEDIIP Programme Office is working to create a better understanding of the current picture of data collections for individual HE providers. Previous studies of HE data collection and accountability have focussed on the high-profile collections such as those run by HESA and the funders; the HEDIIP inventory shows that there are many more data collections that we need to consider.

We would love to hear from you if you have

- mapped the full range of data collections that your institution is involved with
- undertaken any analysis on the costs involved with responding to these data collections
- undertaken any analysis on duplication or other inefficiencies in processes to respond to data collections

If you have any information or analysis that might be of help in this work, please contact info@hediip.ac.uk

HEDIIP Advisory Panel

The HEDIIP Advisory Panel met for the first time on 28 January. The Advisory Panel brings together a broad range of stakeholders and expertise from across the information landscape to advise and steer the planning and delivery of HEDIIP projects. At this first meeting the panel reviewed the HEDIIP Programme Plan and the process for the initiation and commissioning of HEDIIP projects. Project Boards for the first tranche of HEDIIP projects are now being assembled.

Further information about the Advisory Panel can be found at <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/hediip-advisory-panel/>

Programme Plan and individual projects

The HEDIIP Programme Plan is being presented to the Regulatory Partnership Group at the end of February and, subject to approval, we hope to begin commissioning the first tranche of HEDIIP projects soon. Further details about the plan and the individual projects will be posted on the HEDIIP web site over the next few weeks.

Keeping in touch

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