

MHHS Testing and Migration Advisory Group (TMAG) Minutes and Actions

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Attendees

Chair

Chris Welby (CW) MHHS IM, SME

Industry Representatives

Dave Jones (DJ) RECCo Representative
 Ian Hatton (IHat) DNO Representative
 Ian Hall (IHal) Supplier Agent Representative
 Lee Northall (LN) Large Supplier Representative
 Matt Hall (MH) Elexon Representative
 Riccardo Lampini (RL) Elexon Representative
 Richard Marriott (RM) NGESO Representative
 Shaun Brundett (SBr) Small Supplier Representative
 Stacey Buck (SBu) iDNO Representative

MHHS IM members

Amy Clayton (AC) PMO Governance Support
 Cesar Lopes (CL) Data Lead
 Dominic Mooney (DM) SIT Manager
 Jason Brogden (JB) Industry SME
 John Wiggins (JW) Migration lead
 Kate Goodman (KG) Testing Lead
 Nigel Hunt (NH) Qualification Lead
 Simon Berry (SBe) Environments Lead
 Warren Fulton (WF) Design Project Manager

Other Attendees

Andy MacFaul (AMF) Ofgem
 Anna Millar (AM) Elexon Qualification Lead
 Sajwal Dash (SD) IPA
 Saima Sabir (SS) IPA
 Sinead Quinn (SQ) Ofgem

Actions

Area	Ref	Action	Owner	Due	Update
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Minutes and Actions	TMAG17-01	To update the previous TMAG minutes with clarification on the Qualification and Testing alignment with SIT	Programme (PMO)	20/05/23	This has been updated and available on the Testing area of the MHHS Website
DBT1 PIT	TMAG17-02	To invite Matt Hall and Riccardo Lampini to the proposed discussion on options to phase the PIT / SIT approach	Programme (Simon Berry)	17/05/23	
Open actions from previous meetings	TMAG16-01	Provide a forward plan of when deliverables are being reviewed at the Working Groups	Programme (PMO)	19/04/23	The forward plan for consultations and Change Requests has been published on the MHHS website with communications sent out via The Clock Master Consultations Dashboard Master Change Request Dashboard

Decisions

Area	Ref	Description
Minutes and actions	TMAG-DEC25	The minutes of the TMAG 15 March was approved.
Placing Reliance Policy Approval	TMAG-DEC26	The TMAG provisionally approved version 0.6 of the Placing Reliance Policy, subject to any queries by Friday.

Minutes

1. Welcome

CW welcomed all to the meeting and ran over the meeting agenda.

2. Minutes and Actions

DECISION TMAG-DEC25: The minutes of the TMAG 15 March was approved.

IHal noted that there was an incorrect statement in section 10 of March TMAG minutes about Qualification and Testing alignment with SIT, specifically that there would be no divergence. AM agreed that there may be incremental testing requirements, and this is contingent on the scope of SIT, with Code Bodies needing to be involved to make sure this meets Qualification purposes. AC took an action to amend the March minutes with the accurate clarification.

ACTION TMAG17-01: To update the previous TMAGs Minutes with clarification on the Qualification and Testing alignment with SIT.

CW walked through the actions. AC provided an update on action TMAG16-01, stating that a forward plan dashboard for consultations and change requests has been published on the MHHS website, and communications regarding this will be sent out via The Clock on 19 April 2023.

LN asked if there was an intention to expand the scope of the dashboard across all elements of the Programme. JB responded that this is the intention. LN highlighted that the Large Supplier Constituency (LSC) will be using these dashboards to manage resources in period when there are a lot of deliverables out for review and was pleased this had been actioned.

AC took an action to send out the links to the dashboards out with the headline report and minutes **(TMAG16-01)**.

Programme Updates

CW asked if there were any questions on the Programme updates and Working Group Progress Report. No comments received.

3. Migration, Cutover & Data Strategy

JW gave an overview of the Migration, Cutover & Data Strategy. JW highlighted that the plan is to have the Migration Strategy document produced in early May for industry review, this will then come back to the Migration Working Group (MWG) to discuss in detail. JW explained they are looking to schedule an extraordinary TMAG at the end of May to have the Migration Strategy document approved. It was shared that the scope of the document is to set out the key approaches and principles that will guide the Programme, Participants and Elexon in delivering the migration from M11-M15. It will also set out a clear plan of what the Programme must undertake, and the engagement needed with participants for 2023/23 as industry moves to M10 and M11. JW went on to explain that another element is to understand the volume thresholds (e.g., what do Central Services need to be able to support the daily volumes) and what is needed to get to these answers.

4. Data Cleanse Plan

JW provided an overview of the initial key findings from the Data Cleanse technical sessions that will support the Data Cleanse Plan. It was shared there had been good industry engagement with the sessions so far and the Programme had been able to review key areas of risk to data from them. JW explained that the next steps will be to produce a draft Data Cleanse Plan to issue to MWG members for review, and then discuss this in the next MWG. JW noted that the finalised plan will go to June for TMAG approval. The plan will look to set out the obligations for participants in respect to data cleansing, identify areas of how to populate the new data and the risk to legacy data.

LN mentioned that an assumption has been made that data cuts were required for SIT in August and wondered if any data cleansing was expected for this. JW responded that the team was working closely with the testing workstream and would provide feedback on the learnings gained from the latest sessions. It was noted that some data would be populated for the August data cut, however other data would likely not be ready. JW shared the plan would look for quick wins, such as automating data population, and develop strategies for data that requires lengthy processes that will not be completed by August. LN highlighted that no data cleanse had been agreed upon, so it was unrealistic that the data cuts in August will contain the results to be defined by the Data Cleanse Plan. JW agreed that it was not realistic for the complex areas to be ready by August. LN asked if the Programme would look to do manipulation in the background. JW confirmed this.

5. MPAN exclusion

JW provided an update on the MPAN exclusion for Reverse Migration. JW noted that only one area had been identified so far for exclusion, which is Complex sites. This exclusion would require Suppliers to only forward migrate after M14 (the point when all Suppliers will be qualified) and these MPANs can continue to switch under legacy arrangements before this. At M14, there can be forward migrations, and it was noted that this will have no consumer impact as consumers can pick any Supplier and Suppliers are not prevented from gaining the sites.

JW mentioned that the other two areas to prevent Reverse Migration were Export and NHH AMR, but these are still under consideration. JW noted that the current thinking is that there is not a significant amount of evidence from participants to support the exclusion of these. Specifically, that the two portfolios have large MPAN volumes so a compelling rationale to exclude is needed, which has not been received. It was noted that the Programme is looking to close this out next month as participants need clarity on which MPANs are going to be constrained, and that this will need to go to the Programme Steering Group (PSG). JB added that the Programme will be discussing any decision

with Ofgem before recommending any exclusions. JW therefore closed that it was the Programme's current thinking that only complex sites will be excluded from reverse migration, subject to discussions with Ofgem and correct governance routes.

To conclude, it was agreed that Complex sites was the only area identified as having a strong case for exclusion until M14.

6. DBT1 PIT

SBe provided an update on DBT1 PIT Options. SBe mentioned that the Programme received a proposal from LSC to phase the PIT / SIT approach, and a meeting was held on 27 March 2023. The Programme is now considering a number of options of how to meet LSC's request and is going through the process of evaluating the pros and cons of each option from both the Programme and LSC's perspectives. SBe noted that not all options will meet everyone's needs, and a lot of work is required to quantify the impacts of each option, including time, cost, and resource implications. SBe highlighted the need to work at pace but also the need to get it right and understand the impacts. NH added that a session will be held to go through these options with participants who have signed up and SBe highlighted if any other participants wanted to join, they should email PMO mailbox to be invited.

ACTION TMAG-17-02: To invite Matt Hall and/or Riccardo Lampini to the meeting to discuss the proposed options to phase the PIT / SIT approach.

MH raised a question that came up in a recent Design Authority Group (DAG), regarding how the DBT1 PIT Options will interact with design changes, particularly those coming from the DIM. MH added that three interim releases of design are expected over the next six months, and none will be ready for SIT by October. MH asked if there are any plans to align changes to design with SIT. NH responded that the Programme understands that any design changes will have an impact on DBT and entry to SIT. The standard approach will be for large changes to go through the change request process and impact assessment. JB added that the Programme recognises the link between design and testing is acknowledged. MH highlighted that the approach suggested by the LSC would ease the pressure.

7. Placing Reliance Policy Approval

DM highlighted that version 0.6 of the Placing Reliance Policy was issued yesterday on the Collaboration Base. DM mentioned that there were only minor changes in the latest version and that all comments had been responded to, mainly to provide clarification to participants on the policy. However, one notable change was that the second version allowed participants more time to submit their proposals for placing reliance proposals and acknowledged feedback for some participants that had ongoing procurement discussions that may need more time to reach the requirements. DM highlighted that the Programme would accept proposals up until the TE-0150 milestone 23rd May with the caveat that there will be ongoing assurance to validate proposals. DM recommended that the policy be approved, based on the fact there was very limited change in the latest version.

SB suggested that as the document had only been released yesterday, was there scope to have provisional approval to the end of this week so participants had time to review their comments before final sign-off. CW agreed approval, subject to any queried by Friday 21st April.

LN queried the 20 working days period mentioned in the document was restrictive for some participants, and asked if there was any flexibility. DM responded that the change made in the document allowed participants to submit their proposals up to 23 May.

LN asked if the pro forma had been made available for participants to populate and submit preferences. DM responded that this it is under review and will be made available over the coming week.

CW asked if anyone had any objections to the provisional approval of the Placing Reliance Policy. No comments were raised, and the decision was provisionally approved, subject to any final comments.

DECISION TMAG-DEC26: The TMAG provisionally approved version 0.6 of the Placing Reliance Policy, subject to any queried by Friday 21st April.

8. CIT & Functional Test Approach and Plan

DM highlighted that the SIT CIT and Functional Test Approach and Plan deliverables are currently under development in line with the other key informing SIT artefacts, as per the slide. DM noted that that CIT plan will go through two cycles of review at the Systems Integration Testing Working Group (SITWG) in May and then June. It was shared that

the Functional Test approach will be staggered from 29 May to 9 June and then for a second cycle from 19 - 30 June. DM noted that they expect to have two extraordinary SITWGs in June and July, before coming to July TMAG for approval.

9. Test Data Approach and Plan

CL provided an overview of the timelines for the Test Data Approach and Plan, as per the slide. It was noted that the document is currently under review and will be going to the Data Working Group (DWG) on 20 April 2023. It will be submitted for formal approval 16 May and the plan is to have the document finalised by 26 May.

10. Progress updates

Updates were provided on activity at the SITWG, Qualification and E2E Sandbox (QWG), and Non-Functional Testing (NFTWG) Working Groups.

SITWG update

DM provided updates from the SITWG, as per the slide. It was noted that the SIT scoping document had been issued again and that even though the Programme had not explicitly asked for comments, they would be accepting them.

Qualification update

AM provided an update on Qualification. It was highlighted that the April QWG had been pushed back by a week to give participants longer to review the Qualification Approach and Plan. It was highlighted that there were 108 comments received from industry and these had been worked through by themes. It was shared that these themes would be fed back at the QWG and then look to get an updated version of the plan out to participants ahead of May QWG and approval at May TMAG.

LM highlighted that a common theme for the LSC was that due to their portfolio sizes there would likely be the need for flexibility to tranche allocation. AM shared this will be discussed at the QWG and alternative solutions will be worked through at the working group. It was noted that there is a BSC requirement to deal with allocation of resource in a non-discriminatory way, which may cause issues with LSC prioritisation. AM highlighted this may need to be referred to the Programme for further discussion.

NFTWG update

NH gave an update on NFTWG, as per the slide. It was noted that the April NFTWG had been postponed for two weeks, however it will look to provide a discussion on the way in which the E2E Non-Functional requirements should be verified by the Programme and to make sure participants are aware of what is required.

11. Summary and next steps

AC summarised the actions and decisions, as per the table above. CW highlighted that the extraordinary TMAG on 27 April 2023 was cancelled.

CW invited AOBs. KG shared she would be rolling off the Programme in May and extended a huge thank you to everyone. CW closed the meeting.

Date of next TMAG: 17 May 2023