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MHHS Qualification Advisory Group (QAG) Headline Report

Issue date: 18/09/2025

Meeting number	**QAG 020**	Venue	**Virtual – MS Teams**
Date and time	**18 September 2025 10:00-12:00**	Classification	**Public**

Actions

Area	Action Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date	Update
Qualification Wave RAG Reporting	**QAG20-01**	Code Bodies to outline a draft agenda for a new more frequent Qualification forum that will monitor the progress through Qualification Testing.	**Code Bodies**	26/09/25	
	QAG20-02	Code Bodies to set up a session with the SIT team to understand lessons learned in dynamic test management and to update QAG on proposals for QT checkpoints	**Code Bodies**	26/09/25	

Decisions

Area	Decision Ref	Description	Rationale
Headline Report and Actions	QAG-DEC85	The headline report of the previous meeting on 19 June 2025 was approved.	The Programme invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Qualification Progress Update	QAG-DEC86	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the milestone T3-QU-0085 (M10-Ready SIT participants are Qualified).	The Programme invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.
	QAG-DEC87	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the milestone T2-QU-	The Programme invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.

		0500 (BSC PAB and REC Manager approval of Qualification for Non-SIT LDSOs).	
Qualification Wave RAG Reporting	QAG-DEC88	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the milestone T3-QU-0025 (Confirmation from Qualification Wave 3 Participants that DIP Onboarding has commenced).	The Programme invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.
Qualification Governance Update	QAG-DEC89	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the permanent merge of SAQTSG into QWG.	The Programme invited objections to the permanent merge of SAQTSG into QWG, to which none were received.
Programme milestones related to QAG	QAG-DEC90	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the milestones T3-QU-0132 (UIT E2E Sandbox Preparation Complete - Supplier and Agent) and T3-QU-0126 (Sandbox Testing Start (UIT) - Supplier & Agent Participants).	The Programme invited objections to the approval of the milestones, to which none were received.

Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Headline Report and Actions	**DECISION:** The headline report of the previous meeting on 21 August 2025 was approved with objections or comments **(QAG-DEC85 – recording timestamp 00:04:00).**
Qualification Progress Update	The Code Bodies provided an update on the Qualification progress of SIT Participants and Non-SIT LDSOs. They noted that PPs in Wave 4 will be receiving details on their QAD either on the 18 or 19 September 2025. They also added that the updated slides show the latest status of QAD, Pathway and PAB progress from 16 September 2025. Following the completion of Qualification for M10-Ready SIT PPs and Non-SIT LDSOs, they sought approval of milestones T3-QU-0085 (M10-Ready SIT participants are Qualified) and T2-QU-0500 (BSC PAB and REC Manager approval of Qualification for Non-SIT LDSOs). No questions or comments were raised. **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the milestone T3-QU-0085 (M10-Ready SIT participants are Qualified) **(QAG-DEC86 – recording timestamp 00:10:45).** **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the milestone T2-QU-0500 (BSC PAB and REC Manager approval of Qualification for Non-SIT LDSOs) **(QAG-DEC87 – recording timestamp 00:11:20).**
Qualification Wave RAG Reporting	The Code Bodies provided updates on Wave reporting for Qualification and the progress of QT Execution for Wave 1. They highlighted that they are behind where they expected to be in QT for Wave 1 due to the difference between actual tests completed by PPs and the plans submitted by the PPs. They confirmed that they have one escalation in place for Wave 1 due to consistently missed

	milestones that are necessary to commence QT. They added that they believe there is sufficient time within the Waves to recover the lost progress but noted it will require intervention and action. The Code Bodies proceeded to talk through Qualification Test Entry Reporting, highlighting that Wave 1 is Red due to one PP that has consistently missed milestones. They added that Qualification Test Entry for Wave 2 is Amber as there are currently 19 overdue milestones, noting that they are confident of the actions that have in place to resolve these issues. They confirmed that QT Execution for Wave 1 is reporting overall as Red as there has been significant variance to the delivery plans submitted by PPs, noting that as of 19 September 2025 they expected to have 225 tests completed but as of 17 September 2025 only 21 tests have been completed. They highlighted that many of the issues PPs are experiencing are due to problems with their systems connecting, smoke tests and blocked tests due to defects. They confirmed they have fortnightly bilaterals in place to discuss progress to plan and work through issues with PPs. The Programme voiced significant concerns around the current status QT Execution for Wave 1 and highlighted that it is key to know where the root cause of the issues lie, whether that's test data, the QTF or test scripts for example. They also queried at what point will the assessment be made on whether the QT window is risk overall, noting it may already be given the progress to date. • The Code Bodies confirmed the figures are concerning and noted there are three factors at play, the first being DIP connectivity as there was a general delay in DIP Onboarding across Wave 1 which in turn prolonged the completion of DIP smoke tests in the QTF. They added that given these delays with Wave 1 they have been focused on ensuring the same issues don't play out with Wave 2 and have been working with the DIP team to expedite these activities going forward. The second factor they noted is due to PPs setting out overly ambitious execution schedules that has meant they've not able to achieve what they set out to complete. They concluded that the final factor affecting QT Execution is the result of an identified design change regarding retrospective appointments in the QTF which has had a cascade effect across multiple QTCs. They confirmed that they are continuing to work with PPs to realign their test approach to ensure they can process with their test sets. They highlighted that there will be a lot of pressure for recovery across the Wave and are actively working with PPs to achieve this, noting that once the previously mentioned issues are resolved they will start to see an accurate reflection of how QT Execution is progressing. • The Programme highlighted that this is the first time they have been made aware of the delays to progress of QT Execution and would like to review it with the Code Bodies, noting there are likely poor assumptions being made in QT Execution planning to be this far behind and stated its key to understand how they can embody the work completed by PPs who set out sensible execution schedules. The Code Bodies noted that they did not have this data available earlier in the week. The Large Supplier Representative queried if there any risks in the RAID log that are tracking the issues highlighted with QT Execution. The Code Bodies confirmed they're tracking a number risks related to the pace and scope of QT Execution and they will continue to work on the mitigating actions for those risks. • The Large Supplier Representative highlighted it would be helpful to pull out those risks into the risks section of the QAG papers for future meetings to ensure QAG members have appropriate sight of those. They also added that there has been feedback from Suppliers that a weekly, GLIG style meeting for Qualification is stood up to understand general issues with QT and Qualification more generally, noting the mounting pressure on completing Qualification in time to ensure Migration is not impacted. • The Code Bodies expressed appreciation for the concerns voiced by Suppliers and confirmed they have begun engaging with PPs and will look into drafting an agenda for a more regular Qualification forum, noting they look to take learnings from SIT. The

	Programme added that given the current disparity between expected and executed progress, they can understand why PPs are seeking a more frequent touchpoint. **ACTION** – Code Bodies to outline a draft agenda for a new more frequent Qualification forum that will monitor the progress through Qualification Testing (**QAG20-01**). The Code Bodies walked through the open Qualification Testing Defects, highlighting there are currently 14 Open defects. The IPA queried if there are any planned checkpoints in place to monitor progress through QT Execution and set out achievable benchmarks, noting the introduction of cycles, sprints and checkpoints in SIT helped to track progress. The Code Bodies confirmed they are planning to put those checkpoints in and will seek to provide an update on when those will be. • The Programme added that in SIT they used dynamic test management including ensuring that blocked tests weren't included in other PPs schedules to avoid further delays. They confirmed they'd be happy for the Code Bodies to set up a session with the SIT team to run through lessons learned on the practicalities of execution, noting there are ways in which the impact on the cadence of testing can mitigated against with certain actions taken. The Code Bodies confirmed that they are already guiding PPs where possible to avoid blocked tests but would be happy to speak to the SIT team about lessons learned in order to enhance their current process. **ACTION** – Code Bodies to set up a session with the SIT team to understand lessons learned in dynamic test management and to update QAG on proposals for QT checkpoints (**QAG20-02**). They also sought approval of the milestone T3-QU-0025 (Confirmation from Qualification Wave 3 Participants that DIP Onboarding has commenced). **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the milestone T3-QU-0025 (Confirmation from Qualification Wave 3 Participants that DIP Onboarding has commenced) **(QAG-DEC88 – recording timestamp 00:41:20).**
Qualification Governance Update	The Programme sought approval to bring SAQTSG into QWG on a permanent basis, following the well received trial meeting on 3 September 2025. The Large Supplier Representative confirmed they're happy for SAQTSG to be brought into QWG on a permanent basis but on the premise that an additional, more frequent Qualification forum is stood up to track QT progress and address PPs concerns. The Chair confirmed that the decision will be approved on the basis that this meeting is set up. **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the permanent merge of SAQTSG into QWG **(QAG-DEC89 – recording timestamp 00:42:00).**
Programme Milestones related to QAG	The Programme presented the following Sandbox milestones for approval given the opening of the environment at the beginning of September, T3-QU-0132 (UIT E2E Sandbox Preparation Complete - Supplier and Agent) and T3-QU-0126 (Sandbox Testing Start (UIT) - Supplier & Agent Participants). **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the milestones T3-QU-0132 (UIT E2E Sandbox Preparation Complete - Supplier and Agent) and T3-QU-0126 (Sandbox Testing Start (UIT) - Supplier & Agent Participants) **(QAG-DEC90 – recording timestamp 00:45:16).**

Top Programme Risks Related to QAG	The Programme ran through the risks related to QAG as read. No questions or comments were raised.
AOB	No AOB was raised.
Summary and Next Steps	The Secretariat ran through the actions and decisions captured from the meeting; no questions or comments were raised.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 16 October 2025

Attendees

Chair

Chris Welby	MHHS SRO/Chair

Industry Representatives

Andrew Green	I&C Supplier Representative
Andrew Wallace	RECCo Representative (as Qualification Agent)
David Yeoman	DNO Representative
Helen Clarke	Supplier Agent Representative (Independent)
Benjamin Gilbert	Elexon Representative (as Qualification Agent)
Rachel Stringfellow	Medium Supplier Representative
Graham Wood	Large Supplier Representative
Erik Baguzis	iDNO Representative

MHHS IM

Katie Dyson	PMO
Jason Brogden	Programme Industry SME
Kiran Raj	
Adrian Ackroyd	Client Test Programme Manager
Stuart Scott	Programme Industry SME

Other Attendees

Andy MacFaul	Ofgem
Jenny Boothe	Ofgem
Taylor Thorpe	IPA
Carlota Soumah Fernandez	REC Qualification Team
Robert Golding	DIP Manager
George Player	Elexon Qualification Team
Shantell Nyamupanda	Elexon Qualification PMO
Devon Leslie	Elexon Qualification Team (CGI)
Craig Handford	Elexon Qualification Team (CGI)

Apologies

Seat vacant	Small Supplier Representative
Smitha Prichrikat	Client Delivery Manager
Vaishnavi Sharma	REC Code Manager
Warren Fulton	Migration Lead
James Stokes	DIP Manager
Gareth Evans	I&C Supplier Representative
Clare Hannah	Supplier Agent Representative
Francesca Drew	PPC

Sarah Ross	Elexon Qualification Team