

MHHS Qualification Advisory Group (QAG) Headline Report

Issue date: 17/12/2025

Meeting number	QAG 023	Venue	Virtual – MS Teams
Date and time	17 December 2025 10:00-12:00	Classification	Public

Actions

Area	Action Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date	Update
Previous meeting	QAG22-02	The Code Bodies to carry out risk assessments and outline the impact of PPs that are behind schedule when milestone decisions are presented to QAG for approval.	Code Bodies	28/01/26	ONGOING: To be undertaken when the next milestone decisions are presented.

Decisions

Area	Decision Ref	Description	Rationale
Headline Report and Actions	QAG-DEC98	The headline report of the previous meeting on 20 November 2025 was approved.	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Pathway 6 Closure	QAG-DEC99	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the extension of the Pathway 6 end date (milestone T3-QU-0086) from 18/12/25 to 30/07/26.	The Chair invited objections to the approval, to which none were received.
Sandbox Guidance	QAG-DEC100	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) approved the uplift of Sandbox Guidance document to v2.4, (containing minor updates communicated via QTEF).	The Chair invited objections to the approval, to which none were received.

Qualification Update	QAG-DEC101	<p>The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the following milestones in the Programme Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T3-QU-0102 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Wave 3 Participants required for QT start have submitted their initial QAD). • T3-QU-0025 (Confirmation from Qualification Wave 3 Participants that DIP Onboarding has commenced). • T3-QU-0103 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Wave 3 Participants' required for QT start to provide status of PIT completion and submit QT Test Plan). • T3-QU-0024 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Test Plans for Wave 3 Participants required for QT start approved). • T3-QU-0104 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Wave 3 Participants required for QT start have submitted PIT Test Completion Report and evidence for QT Entry). • T3-QU-0038 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Wave 3 Participant required for QT start Test Readiness confirmed). 	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the milestones, to which none were received.
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Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Headline Report and Actions	DECISION: The headline report of the previous meeting on 20 November 2025 was approved with no objections or comments (QAG-DEC98 – recording timestamp 00:02:53).
Pathway 6 Closure	<p>The Code Bodies sought approval on extending the Pathway 6 end date due to two PPs being unable to qualify by the agreed date of 18 December 2025. The extension is not expected to impact M14 delivery, as further detailed on the slide.</p> <p>No questions or comments were received.</p> <p>DECISION: The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the extension of the Pathway 6 end date (milestone T3-QU-0086) from 18/12/25 to 30/07/26 (QAG-DEC99 – recording timestamp 00:05:58).</p>

<p>Sandbox Guidance</p>	<p><u>Sandbox Guidance, Approach & Plan</u></p> <p>The Code Bodies highlighted that the Sandbox Guidance has been updated to include the Test Completion report entry criteria and to provide more information on fixes in the SLA environment beyond the support provided to the main Waves.</p> <p>The Code Bodies stated that PPs should have access to the updated v2.4 Guidance and the Proforma which PPs may complete to indicate what they intend to perform, noting that the Sandbox environment closes on 28 August 2026. The Code Bodies further highlighted that four Proformas have been received, and a PP has already entered the Sandbox Test Environment.</p> <p>The Code Bodies provided a high-level overview of the Sandbox Approach and Plan which included the Sandbox PPIR, Sandbox Proforma, Sandbox Guidance v2.4 [DRAFT], Test Entry Criteria Met & Onboarding Complete, Sandbox Test Execution, and Sandbox Env. Closure stages, with further details on the slide. The Code Bodies also emphasised that the PPIR would be used to model support and resource requirements for 2026.</p> <p>The Code Bodies sought approval on the updated Sandbox Guidance v2.4.</p> <p>No questions or comments were received.</p> <p>DECISION: The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the uplift of Sandbox Guidance document to v2.4, (containing minor updates communicated via QTEF) (QAG-DEC100 – recording timestamp 00:09:53).</p>
<p>New Entrants</p>	<p>The Code Bodies provided an update on new entrants, confirming that the transitional arrangements for any new market entrants closed on 09 December 2025. They noted that the 11 new entrants already in progress can continue Qualification through transitional arrangements, but any new PPs must qualify via the enduring arrangements and should contact the Code Bodies via email if desired. They also provided a refresher on the M14 criteria, with further detail on the slide.</p>
<p>Qualification Update</p>	<p><u>Qualification Progress Update</u></p> <p>The Code Bodies provided an update on the start and progress of Qualification testing and key associated risks.</p> <p>The Code Bodies noted that the end of Wave 1 Testing is on 09 January 2026. They also stated that 6 out of the 7 PPs have finished the minimal viable test set, with the 7th PP on track to complete this week. The Code Bodies outlined that Wave 2 is ahead by 3 to 4 weeks in terms of test passes versus forecasts. They stated that focus is on Wave 3 Testing which is due to start on 12 January 2026.</p> <p>The Code Bodies further noted that engagement with Wave 4 PPs was undertaken as part of Checkpoint 1 on 08 December 2025, with the majority received and the remainder being actively followed up, keeping the next Checkpoint on 09 January 2026 in mind.</p> <p>The Code Bodies highlighted that the main Qualification risks relate to resourcing requirements arising from Testing Waves 3 and 4 alongside the need to support Waves 1 and 2 PPs entering Sandbox testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A PP queried whether there were any updates on the planned re-meeting on 17 December 2025. The Code Bodies confirmed that a session would be arranged with the Programme to review resource modelling and plans for onboarding resources in 2026. The Code Bodies noted they would continue to track actuals versus forecasts. The Programme also highlighted that they would maintain follow-up on wider Qualification resourcing and acknowledged the transparency provided by the Code Bodies.

	<p>In relation to Test Execution, the Code Bodies confirmed that Wave 1 is on track to complete by 09 January 2026, Wave 2 is ahead of the forecasted plan, and Wave 3 is set to start on the 12 January 2026. They noted that progress has been made against the amber statuses for QT Projected Execution End for Waves 1 and 2.</p> <p>The Code Bodies also emphasised that they regularly feed data into the risks slides presented at QAG.</p> <p>The Code Bodies noted a continued focus on validating right-to-left plans to ensure dates are met for Code Bodies approval of PP Qualification and confirmed that further information on the verification of migration and ISD publish dates would be provided to PPs in Waves 2, 3 and 4 in January 2026. They also highlighted several risk controls in place, including the daily tracking and escalation of Risk R1178, the recent Wave 4 webinar, and the introduction of streamlined tooling changes expected in early January 2026.</p> <p>The Code Bodies sought approval of T3 milestones on the basis that minimum thresholds had been met and that the milestones are highly likely to be achieved by 12 January 2026. No comments or objections were raised.</p> <p>DECISION: The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the following milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T3-QU-0102 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Wave 3 Participants required for QT start have submitted their initial QAD). • T3-QU-0025 (Confirmation from Qualification Wave 3 Participants that DIP Onboarding has commenced). • T3-QU-0103 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Wave 3 Participants' required for QT start to provide status of PIT completion and submit QT Test Plan). • T3-QU-0024 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Test Plans for Wave 3 Participants required for QT start approved). • T3-QU-0104 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Wave 3 Participants required for QT start have submitted PIT Test Completion Report and evidence for QT Entry). • T3-QU-0038 (Minimum threshold of Qualification Wave 3 Participant required for QT start Test Readiness confirmed) <p>(QAG-DEC101 – recording timestamp 00:56:44)</p> <p><u>M14 Delivery Confidence</u></p> <p>The Programme confirmed that progress with preparatory and QT activities are going well and further emphasised that the escalation has been working.</p> <p>The Programme noted that the workstream at a macrolevel is being reported as amber due to the pending resource review but should move to green once the re-meeting planned for 17 December 2025 on resourcing happens as progress is tracking green.</p> <p>The Programme also outlined that they are still looking at end-to-end journey maps from Qualification Testing through to Migration start to gain confidence on the timings.</p>
Programme Updates	Programme updates were taken as read.

Summary and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ben Gilbert noted that Laura Kennedy will be taking on Qualification Assurance workstream lead from the next QAG onwards. The Chair thanked Ben for his contributions to Qualification over the last months and welcomed Laura to future meetings. <p>The Secretariat ran through the actions and decisions captured from the meeting. No questions or comments were raised.</p>
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Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28 January 2025

Attendees

Chair

Smitha Pichrikat

MHHS SRO/Chair

Industry Representatives

Andrew Wallace

RECCo Representative (as Qualification Agent)

Jessica Davis

DIP Manager

Helen Clarke

Supplier Agent Representative (Independent)

Andrew Green (alternate for
Gareth Evans)

I&C Supplier Representative

Benjamin Gilbert

Elexon Representative (as Qualification Agent)

Graham Wood

Large Supplier Representative

Erik Baguzis

iDNO Representative

Clare Hannah

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Malinsa Abeysundara

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Phillip McCann

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Will Rosson

PMO Planning Lead

Kiran Raj

Programme Test Lead

Jason Brogden

Programme Industry SME

Dominic Mooney

SIT Manager

Adrian Ackroyd

Client Test Programme Manager

Other Attendees

Sinead Quinn

Ofgem

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REC Qualification Team

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Sarah Ross

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Andy MacFaul

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