MHHS Qualification Advisory Group (QAG) Headline Report

Issue date: 20/02/2026

Meeting number	**QAG 025**	Venue	**Virtual – MS Teams**
Date and time	**18 February 2026 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	18/03/26	**ONGOING:** To be undertaken when the next milestone decisions are presented.

Decisions

Area	Decision Ref	Description	Rationale
Headline Report and Actions	QAG-DEC106	The headline report of the previous meeting on 28 January 2026 was approved.	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the document, to which none were received.
Sandbox Testing	QAG-DEC107	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved current LDSO testing support arrangements for Sandbox, using the UIT environment and Non-SIT LDSO Test Hardness, to be stood down in line with the end of the ELS period, with expected date to be 12/02/26 (aligned with the revised ELS end date).	The Chair invited objections to the approval, to which none were received.
Programme Milestones Related to QAG	QAG-DEC108	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the **T3-QU-0106** milestone 'Qualification Wave 4 Participants have submitted their Initial QAD'.	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.

Programme Milestones Related to QAG	QAG-DEC109	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the **T3-QU-0031** milestone 'All Qualification Wave 4 Participants that DIP Onboarding has commenced'.	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.
Programme Milestones Related to QAG	QAG-DEC110	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), conditionally approved the following milestones in the Programme Plan (subject to work off plan completion): • **T3-QU-0107** 'All Qualification Wave 4 Participants required for QT start to provide status of PIT completion and submit QT Test Plan'. • **T3-QU-0030** 'All Qualification Test Plans for Wave 4 Participants required for QT start approved'. • **T3-QU-0108** 'All Qualification Wave 4 Participants required for QT start have submitted PIT Test Completion Report and evidence for QT Entry'. • **T3-QU-0043** 'All Qualification Wave 4 Participants required for QT start Test Readiness confirmed'.	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the milestones, to which none were received.
Programme Milestones Related to QAG	QAG-DEC111	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the **T3-QU-0044** milestone 'Qualification Wave 4 QT Execution Start'.	The Chair invited objections to the approval of the milestone, to which none were received.
QA&P	QAG-DEC112	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the uplift of the Qualification Approach and Plan v5.2.	The Chair invited objections to the approval, to which none were received.
QA&P	QAG-DEC113	The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the updating of the Qualification workstream in the MHHS Programme Plan as proposed so it aligns with the uplifted Qualification Approach & Plan v5.2.	The Chair invited objections to the approval, to which none were received.

Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Headline Report and Actions	**DECISION:** The headline report of the previous meeting on 28 January 2026 was approved with no objections or comments **(QAG-DEC106 – recording timestamp 00:01:14).** The Chair reminded that action **QAG22-02** will be ongoing till milestones are completed to ensure associated risks are considered.
L3/L4 Validation	It is important to note that Item 7 in the QAG v2.0 papers was moved to Item 1 during the meeting due to the DIP Manager having to leave early. The DIP Manager reported that some Programme Participants (PPs) have not been able to address the mandatory L3/L4 message validation checks and the DIP Manager Team are working closely with those facing this issue. The DIP Manager encouraged PPs that are concerned about their systems being unable to validate these messages, to discuss it with their placing reliance party or DCP if applicable and reach out to the DIP Manager Team. The DIP Manager highlighted that addressing L3/L4 messages are a requirement in the DIP code DSDs and are tested via the PIT and QAD. They noted that if it is found that a PP cannot complete this validation it is likely to affect their Qualification through BSC. The DIP Manager outlined the proposed solutions for addressing the L3/L4 Validation issue, noting it has been agreed to formalise it in code, with the error codes detailed in the DSDs. They also stated that discussions are still ongoing with Code Bodies around the resolution of the error codes. They directed PPs to the Guidance document and noted that drop-in sessions will be held on Friday morning on a fortnightly basis, with sessions announced via the CLOCK and website. The invite to the next meeting on 27 February 2026 can be found here. - The Supplier Agent Representative acknowledged that those going through Qualification are asked to proactively declare when they are facing L3/L4 validation issues and queried whether the DIP Manager Team can formally ask PPs to confirm this. The DIP Manager highlighted that the end-to-end requirements in the NFR already check this during testing and QAD submissions and stated that the DIP Manager Team is happy to support any PPs that are facing this issue. - The Supplier Agent Representative queried whether there is a process to raise concerns if PPs have already qualified. The DIP Manager stated that PPs should reach out, qualified or not qualified. They further added that support type will be provided on a case-by-case basis. - The Chair sought clarification on whether L3/L4 Validation will be discussed at the next Expert Group. Code Bodies confirmed this is in the agenda for the meeting on 19 February 2026.

Sandbox Testing	The Programme sought approval on closing the LDSO Sandbox test environment using the UIT environment and Non-SIT LDSO Test Harness, on the basis that it is a time limited facility, and no new testing support requests have been received since end of October 2025. Further information is available on the slide. No questions or comments were received. **DECISION**: The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved current LDSO testing support arrangements for Sandbox, using the UIT environment and Non-SIT LDSO Test Hardness, to be stood down in line with the end of the ELS period, with expected date to be 12/02/26 (aligned with the revised ELS end date) (**QAG-DEC107 – recording timestamp 00:15:10**).
Programme Milestones Related to QAG	**Wave 4 QAD Submission** The Code Bodies noted that as of 13 February 2026 all Wave 4 PPs had submitted their initial QAD. The Chair thanked PPs and Code Bodies for engagement. **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved **T3-QU-0106** milestone 'Qualification Wave 4 Participants have submitted their initial QAD' **(QAG-DEC108 – recording timestamp 00:16:12)**. **QT for Non-SIT S&A Wave 4 Test Readiness** Code Bodies highlighted strong progress in Waves 2 and 3, with Wave 2 one month ahead of schedule from their Test Execution deadline on 20 February 2026 and Wave 3 also running one month ahead of the pass target. Wave 4 is now the primary focus, with Qualification Test Execution planned to begin on 09 March 2026, covering all 16 PPs. Code Bodies highlighted that DIP Onboarding has commenced, with most PPs having already completed onboarding, and sought the approval of the corresponding T3 milestone. **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the **T3-QU-0031** milestone 'All Qualification Wave 4 Participants that DIP Onboarding has commenced' (**QAG-DEC109 – recording timestamp 00:23:13**). No objections or comments were recorded. Code Bodies also noted that while several Wave 4 T3 milestones remain Red, this is due to these milestones requiring 100% PP completion rather than the usual 80% threshold, and they reported confidence that the remaining test plans, PIT completion reports, and smoke testing will be finalised in time.

- The Supplier Agent Representative sought clarification on the target dates to receive the required information for the milestones with a Red status. Code Bodies responded that test plans related to smart exemptions are required as soon as possible with a completion date of 27 February 2026. They added that good progress has been seen from PPs to resolve this by 20 February 2026 and Code Bodies are working closely with PPs to ensure plans are completed and approved ahead of testing, with this marked as low risk. The Supplier Agent Representative queried whether it was 3 separate PPs that were tracking behind, Code Bodies confirmed that PP32, PP37, and PP38 are behind. They added that PP46 documents were received 17 February 2026 and are being reviewed.

Code Bodies outlined that smoke testing is set for 26 February 2026, with contingency till 09 March 2026, accounting for a large proportion of PPs placing reliance on another Supplier.

Code Bodies added that these trends were seen in previous Waves and noted that anything with an Amber status is under tight management, emphasising that they are not concerned with the statuses.

- The Chair noted that updates are stated to be provided weekly and asked for a regular time for this to be released. Code Bodies responded that updates will be provided at weekly QTEF meetings at 1pm on Wednesdays.

Based on these considerations, Code Bodies sought the conditional approval of the related Wave 4 T3 milestones.

DECISION: The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), conditionally approved the following milestones:

- **T3-QU-0107** 'All Qualification Wave 4 Participants required for QT start to provide status of PIT completion and submit QT Test Plan'.
- **T3-QU-0030** 'All Qualification Test Plans for Wave 4 Participants required for QT start approved'.
- **T3-QU-0108** 'All Qualification Wave 4 Participants required for QT start have submitted PIT Test Completion Report and evidence for QT Entry'
- **T3-QU-0043** 'All Qualification Wave 4 Participants required for QT start Test Readiness confirmed'

(QAG-DEC110 – recording timestamp 00:23:13)

No objections were recorded.

QT for Non-SIT S&A Wave 4 – Execution Start

Code Bodies sought approval of QT Execution Start based on the confidence that Wave 4 will be on track for 09 March 2026 and the above conditional milestones will be closely monitored and reported at QTEF.

	DECISION: The Chair, acting with delegated authority of MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the **T3-QU-0044** milestone 'Qualification Wave 4 QT Execution Start' (**QAG-DEC111 – recording timestamp 00:24:43**). The Chair added the importance of starting on 09 March 2026 to ensure momentum and drive other PPs forward. The Chair recognised and thanked everyone for efforts made to progress.
QA&P	Code Bodies outlined that following the Migration Pathway and end-to-end journey work, the QA&P received two comments. One comment was around the conclusion that date changes would not impact PPs' plans, which the Programme addressed by confirming that the assessment was based on current Wave progress and Wave 4 plans. Code bodies encouraged any PPs concerned with updated dates to reach out directly. Code Bodies highlighted that no additional concerns have been raised and sought approval of the latest version of the QA&P. **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the uplift of the Qualification Approach and Plan v5.2 (**QAG-112 – recording timestamp 00:28:06**) Code Bodies outlined and sought approval of the updated baseline dates for Waves 1, 2, 3 and 4 in line with QA&P v5.2. **DECISION:** The Chair, acting with delegated authority of the MHHS Senior Responsible Owner (SRO), approved the updating of the Qualification workstream in the MHHS Programme Plan as proposed so it aligns with the uplifted Qualification Approach & Plan v5.2 (**QAG-113 – recording timestamp 00:29:19**). No objections or comments were raised.
PPIR Update	The Programme reported an exceptionally strong response to the PPIR and thanked PPs, with 100% of Migration Pathway submissions received and sufficient ISD publication responses to inform an outcome. The Programme noted that the PPIR exercise successfully prompted PPs to review the practicality of their testing and Migration timelines, leading many to adjust dates or confirm their end-to-end journeys. • The Supplier Agent Representative queried when the ISD publication outcome will be released. The Programme highlighted that discussions with the Elexon ISD Team are ongoing, with the proposal for the ISD calendar currently being mapped and expected to be taken to SVG031 on 03 March 2026, and the outcome predicted well in advance of May 2026. The Programme emphasised that ISD updates will not have to go through formal governance due to CR53 and inclusion in BSC guidance. The Programme added that there will be an article in the CLOCK published 18 February 2026 focused on PPIR next steps and encouraged representatives to direct their constituents to this. The Programme highlighted that updates on the PPIR will continue to be discussed in QWG and QAG as needed.

	Code Bodies noted that they are analysing PPIR responses and conducting clarifications with selected PPs. They outlined that comms have been released for all PPs to confirm their Migration Pathways, and PPs should have either a bilateral set up or confirmation by Code Bodies that the PP will be tracked against the selected Migration Pathway. Code Bodies highlighted that Migration Pathways will continue to evolve, such as for PPs that were conservative with their choice due to outstanding tests or placing reliance. Code Bodies stated they will be working closely with these PPs and are happy to support PPs that are progressing quicker and want to update their timelines.
Qualification Progress and RAID Review	The Programme provided a high-level update on milestones, risks, and corresponding mitigations impacting M14 delivery. The Programme called out the Red milestones that were discussed previously, noting the conditional approval subject to the work-off plans to bring them to completion. The Programme highlighted that **T3-QU-0044** can be changed to Blue, following the approval of QT Execution Start for Wave 4. They noted that the main risk is still R1215 linked to the analysis of the PPIR responses but acknowledged increasing confidence in QT completion and available time for the end-to-end journey, particularly due to the QT experience with Waves to date. The Programme is assessing risks related to capacity and capability following the PPIR and will address these through upcoming Readiness Assessment 7 activities. They plan to re-engage Code Bodies and Central Parties to confirm sufficient resourcing to support the revised profile. The Programme also noted that M14 remains on track. No questions or comments were raised.
Programme Updates	Programme updates were taken as read.
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: Wednesday 18 March 2026

Attendees

Chair

Adrian Ackroyd (alternate for Smitha Pichrikat)	MHHS SRO/Chair

Industry Representatives

Jonny Moore	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
Laura Kennedy	Elexon Representative (as Qualification Agent)
Graham Wood	Large Supplier Representative
Erik Baguzis	iDNO Representative
Clare Hannah	Supplier Agent Representative
Rachel Stringfellow	Medium Supplier Representative

MHHS IM

Malinsa Abeysundara	PMO
Francesca Drew	PPC
Kiran Raj	Programme Test Lead
Jason Brogden	Programme Industry SME
Dominic Mooney	SIT Manager
Stuart Scott	Migration Assurance Lead

Other Attendees

Sinead Quinn	Ofgem
Andy MacFaul	Ofgem
Warren Fulton	Post M10 Programme Manager
David Moss	Elexon QT Manager
Sarah Ross	Elexon Qualification Team
Devon Leslie	QT Assurance Lead
George Player	Elexon Qualification Team
Liam Evans	IPA

Apologies

Smitha Pichrikat	Chair
Seat vacant	Small Supplier Representative
Gareth Evans	I&C Supplier Representative
Helen Clarke	Supplier Agent Representative (Independent)