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OFF VENUE ACTIVITY: ENTITY REQUIREMENTS
CONSULTATION



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OVERVIEW

The purpose of the consultation is to summarise and consider the implications of the proposals for changes to the off venue activity entity.

BACKGROUND

HESA invited Statutory Customers, health organisations and providers to a workshop on 20 January 2020. The first session focussed on understanding how medical placement data was collected and returned by providers and to tease out the requirements from the health organisations. The aim was to attempt to standardise and combine data collections to give quality data to those that have a strong requirement for it, and to reduce the burden for those collecting it.

The second session went through any of the outstanding items from this entity that have arisen through iterations and the evolution of both the data model and the specification.

This consultation will take you through the discussions of the meeting including any follow-up activity with the Statutory Customers.

For reference, please find below the items available for consultation:

- Proposal to remove statutory clinical placements from the coverage of Data Futures
- Changes to activity type identifier (ACTTYPEID)
- Removal of Postcode in off venue activity location
- Removal of off venue activity location entity – country to be absorbed into off venue activity entity
- Remove 'Paid and Unpaid Work Placements' from the coverage of host identifier type (HOSTIDTYPE)
- Returning placement activity that is under 20 days
- Allow for placement data up to 20 days to be returned either side of the student course session

Please note, we will only be accepting online responses; the following text and questions included in the consultation is for reference purposes, to assist cross-organisational response.

INTRODUCTION

1. What is your name?

[text field]

2. What is your email address?

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

[email field]

3. What is your organisation name?

[text field]

4. What is your organisation?

- English provider
- Scottish provider

- Welsh provider
- Northern Ireland provider
- Sector group/body
- Other organisation

PROPOSAL TO REMOVE STATUTORY CLINICAL PLACEMENTS FROM THE COVERAGE OF DATA FUTURES

It was recommended at the workshop that all statutory clinical placements would not be collected via the HESA Data Futures return. There were several reasons behind this recommendation, the main driver included student systems not being linked up and generally it was felt that keeping the medicine and health data separate to other student data was a better idea. The providers at the workshop were happy with this decision and felt that relevant organisations would get better quality data as a result. It was felt that the burden on returning this data outweighed the justification to include this granular level of data within the Data Futures model.

HESA have been in contact with a number of health organisations on their future data needs. An example of this is the work HESA and Health Education England (HEE) have done before, during and after the workshop in January on our data requirements. As you may already be aware, HEE has written to providers to announce the collection of a minimum student and placement data set, with data being collected on a scheduled cycle, three times a year.

It is our intention to continue working with HEE now, and in the future, if our data requirements were to increasingly align. It was felt however, at this moment in time, that the collection of medicine and health placement data, in Data Futures, would substantially increase the burden on those collecting, and returning the data.

5. Do you support the proposal to exclude statutory clinical placements from the coverage of Off venue activity?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
6. Under the proposed coverage, medical electives who decide to do their placement abroad would also be excluded from the coverage if it is not a placement as part of a sandwich course. Do you support this?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided
7. Do you have any further comments to support your answers?

[text field]

CHANGES TO ACTIVITY TYPE IDENTIFIER (ACTTYPEID)

Some providers had previously expressed their concerns with this field. HESA have rewritten this field to be more succinct and in alignment with the requirements of the Statutory Customers Here is the proposal for ACTTYPEID:

Type	Field	
Long name	Activity type identifier	
Short name	ACTTYPEID	
Description	The type of Off-venue activity	
Applicable to	England Northern Ireland Scotland Wales	
Coverage	All OffVenueActivity entities.	
Valid entries and labels	Code	Label
	01	Teacher Training placement
	02	Unpaid work
	03	Paid work
	04	Study placement
Notes	<p>This field identifies the type of Off-venue activity being undertaken.</p> <p>01 Teacher training placement Valid entry 01 should be returned where the off-venue activity involves time spent in schools, early years or further education settings as part of a coherent training programme that enables ITT trainees to achieve Qualified Teacher Status or registration with a General Teaching Council.</p> <p>This data can be used to determine if there is any relationship between where a trainee completes placements and where they are subsequently employed as teachers.</p> <p>02 Unpaid work Valid entry 02 should be returned where the off-venue activity is work based and the student does not earn a salary from the organisation during the placement. This can include volunteering.</p> <p>03 Paid work Valid entry 03 should be returned where the student is undertaking a paid work placement.</p> <p>04 Study placement Valid entry 04 should be returned where the off-venue activity involves a study placement. This can include field trips.</p>	
Reason required	To identify activity categories	
Part of	OffVenueActivity	

The concept of 'abroad' has been removed from this data field, as the 'COUNTRY' field will determine whether this activity has taken place outside of the UK. There is also a clear distinction between 'Paid' and 'Unpaid' work placements. Further to this, 'Clinical Placement' has been removed, as explained in the previous proposal.

8. Has this proposal made the return of placement activity data clearer than what is on the current Data Futures specification?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Undecided

9. Are there any examples of placements you would expect to return which do not adhere to the proposed valid entries and guidance?

[text field]

10. Do you have any further comments to support your answers?

[text field]

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OFF VENUE ACTIVITY AND OFF VENUE ACTIVITY LOCATION ENTITY

Please read the below fact banks before responding.

[Removal of Postcode in Off venue Activity Location](#)

This field [\[hyperlink\]](#) was to collect the postcode of the student's Off venue activity within the UK to enable users to permit geographical analysis. It became clear in the workshop that providers anticipated the postcode element of the entity to be challenging to return. Statutory Customers have agreed that they would get enough detail from the other fields in this entity to perform their monitoring and analysis without having to also collect postcode data, if this were to reduce the burden on the collectors.

[Removal of Off-venue Activity Location Entity – Country to be absorbed into Off-venue Activity Entity](#)

Current model shown for reference:

Off Venue Activity
Off venue activity identifier Activity duration amount Activity duration type Activity end date Activity start date Activity type identifier Host identifier Host identifier type Host Name Lead School Mobility scheme Module instance identifier

Off Venue Activity Location
Country Postcode

With the shift to three discrete collections, there is no longer a requirement or purpose to have a separate entity for Off venue activity location. There is a one-to-one relationship between the two. Off venue activity location currently holds Country and Postcode, however there is an item for consultation on the removal of 'Postcode'. For the purpose of the below example, we have kept in 'Postcode':

Off Venue Activity
Off venue activity identifier
Activity duration amount
Activity duration type
Activity end date
Activity start date
Activity type identifier
Host identifier
Host identifier type
Host Name
Lead School
Mobility scheme
Module instance identifier
Country
Postcode

11. Do you support the removal of 'Postcode' from the off venue activity location entity?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

12. Would you rather have 'Country' and 'Postcode' (if 'Postcode' is kept) absorbed into Off venue activity, or remain as a separate sub-entity?

- Absorbed into off venue activity
- Keep off venue activity location as a separate sub-entity
- No preference

13. Do you have any further comments to support your answers?

[text field]

Remove 'Paid and Unpaid Work Placements' from the coverage of HOSTIDTYPE

Statutory Customers only need to know the country in which the work placement is undertaken. They do not need the extra granularity which is given in HOSTIDTYPE. As such, this would lead to the removal of the following valid entries:

03	Companies house number
04	NHS ID

14. Do you support the removal of Work Placements from the coverage of HOSTIDTYPE?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

15. Do you support the removal of valid entries '03 – companies house number' and '04 – NHS ID' from HOSTIDTYPE?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

16. Do you have any further comments to support your answers?

[text field]

RETURNING PLACEMENT ACTIVITY THAT IS UNDER 20 DAYS

In the current Data Futures specification, off venue activities that contain fewer than 20 days' duration of professionally relevant activity are not mandatory to return, with the exception of teacher training placements in England, which must be returned irrespective of duration.

Apart from teacher training placements in England, there is a requirement for Statutory Customers to monitor a student who does multiple placement activities within a Student Course Session that sum to a total length of 20 days or more. However, there is a question on whether there should be a tolerance on the minimum length of the individual placements. For the purposes of the examples below, we will use five days as the minimum tolerance, and a student whose StudentCourseSession runs from September to June.

Example 1

Student A goes on two work placements in the first reference period. They go to France for 11 days, and Germany for 11 days.

The provider will need to return reference period 1: see below diagram

Off Venue Activity	Off Venue Activity
Off venue activity identifier – A1 Activity duration amount – 10 Activity duration type – Days Activity end date – 2020-09-11 Activity start date - 2020-09-01 Activity type identifier – Unpaid Work Mobility scheme – Provider	Off venue activity identifier – A2 Activity duration amount – 12 Activity duration type – Days Activity end date – 2020-10-11 Activity start date - 2020-10-01 Activity type identifier – Paid Work Mobility scheme – Provider
Off Venue Activity Location	Off Venue Activity Location
Country - France	Country - Germany

Both work placements are less than 20 days; however, they come to a total sum of more than 20 days. Therefore, both placements would be in coverage to return in reference period 1.

Example 2

Student B does a 2-week work placement in Italy at the end of reference period 1. The provider at that point does not know whether they will do more than 20 days so chooses not to return them in reference period 1.

Student B then does a 2-week work placement in China in reference period 3. As this has now breached the threshold, the provider would need to return both placements in reference period 3.

Reference period 1 – nothing returned

Reference period 2 – nothing returned

Reference period 3: see below diagram

Off Venue Activity	Off Venue Activity
Off venue activity identifier – B1 Activity duration amount – 2 Activity duration type – Weeks Activity end date – 2020-10-11 Activity start date - 2020-10-01 Activity type identifier – Paid Work Mobility scheme – Provider	Off venue activity identifier – B2 Activity duration amount – 2 Activity duration type – Weeks Activity end date – 2021-06-11 Activity start date - 2021-06-01 Activity type identifier – Paid Work Mobility scheme – Provider
Off Venue Activity Location	Off Venue Activity Location
Country - Italy	Country - China

Example 3

Student C does a 12-day work placement in Belgium in reference period 1. The provider at that point does not know whether they will do more than 20 days so chooses not to return them in reference period 1.

Student C then does a 5-day work placement in reference period 2. The provider at that point does not know whether they will do more than 20 days so chooses not to return them both in reference period 2.

Student C does not do a placement in reference period 3. The provider does not need to return any off-venue activity data as the 20-day threshold has not been reached.

17. Does the above approach cause you any concerns?

[text field]

18. An example has been given using five days as the minimum tolerance. Are you likely to have occasions when a student within the same Student Course Session will do multiple off venue activities that add up to 20 days or more, of which at least one is less than five days in length?

- Yes
- No

19. If yes, on average how many students would you expect per year?

[text field]

20. Do you have any further comments to support your answers?

[text field]

ALLOW FOR PLACEMENT DATA UP TO 20 DAYS TO BE RETURNED EITHER SIDE OF THE STUDENT COURSE SESSION

In the legacy Student collection, where a placement spans more than one reporting period, it should be split between each reporting year. Unless by splitting it up, less than four weeks ends up as the duration for one of the years. In that case the extra few weeks are returned in the year with the majority of the duration.

It has been proposed that Data Futures replicates this guidance, but use 20 days, instead of four weeks as the margin either side of the Student Course Session.

21. Do you support the replication of guidance from the legacy collection in Data Futures?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

22. Do you have any further comments to support your answer?

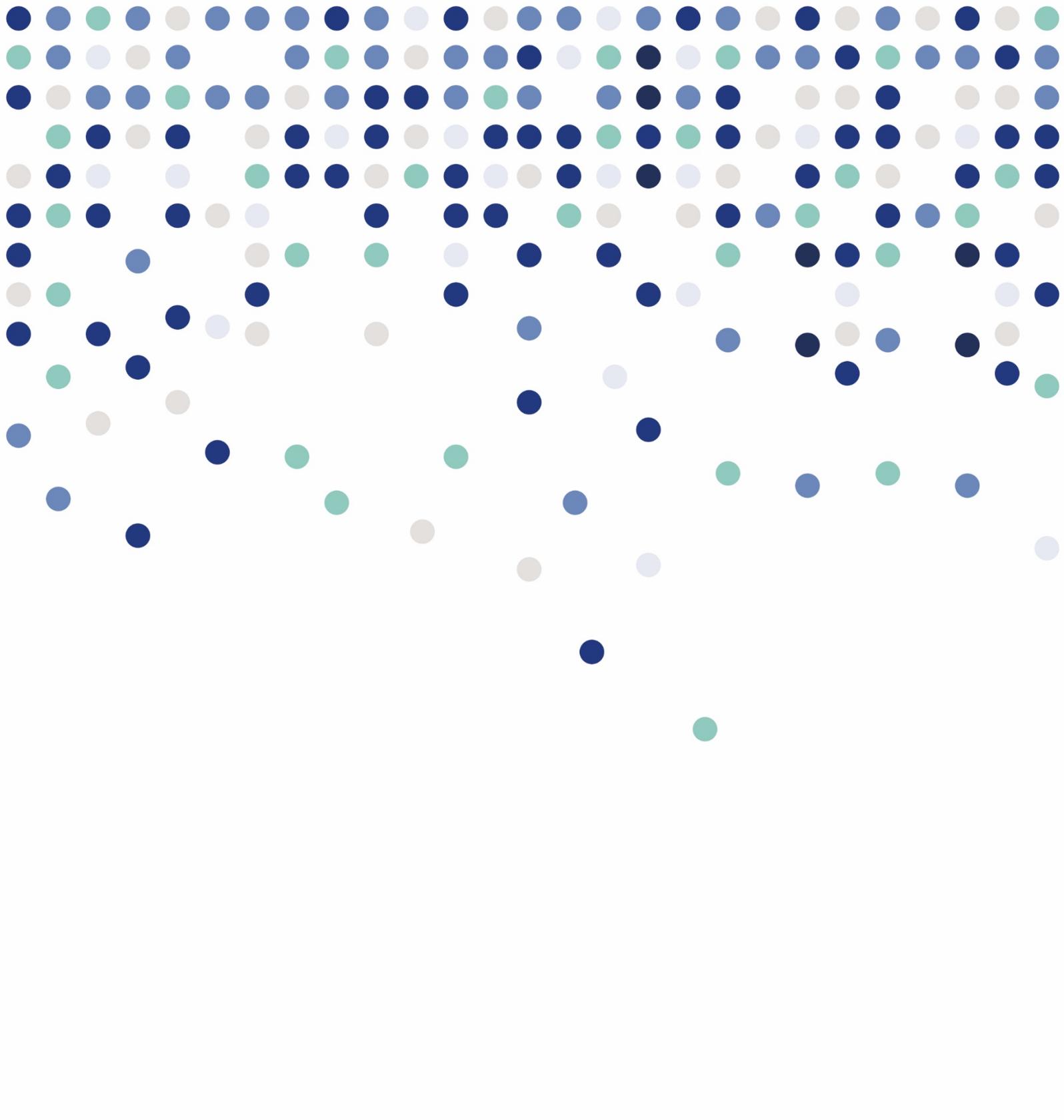
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Decision making flow diagrams: when to return a placement to HESA. Please read for reference.

[factbank including PDF of decision making flow diagrams]

23. Do you have any other general comments to make on the content discussed in this consultation?

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