

MHHS Testing and Migration Advisory Group (TMAG) Headline Report

Issue date: 16/03/23

Meeting number	TMAG 017	Venue	Virtual – MS Teams
Date and time	19 April 2023 1000-1200	Classification	Public

Actions

Area	Action Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date	Update
Minutes and Actions	TMAG17-01	To update the previous TMAGs Minutes with clarification on the Qualification and Testing alignment with SIT	Programme (PMO)	20/05/23	
DBT1 PIT	TMAG17-02	To invite Matt Hall and/or Riccardo Lampini to the meeting to discuss the proposed 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

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

Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Minutes and actions	<p>A participant noted that there was an incorrect statement in section 10 (Qualification update) of the March TMAG minutes around the alignment of Qualification and Testing with SIT. The Programme took an action to amend the minutes with the clarification (ACTION TMAG17-01).</p> <p>The Programme noted comments against the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMAG16-01: A forward plan dashboard for consultations and Change Requests has been published on the MHHS website, with communications on this going out with The Clock on 19 April 2023. A participant asked if there was an intention to expand the scope of the dashboard across all elements of the Programme. The Programme responded that this is the intention.
Migration, Cutover & Data Strategy	<p>The Programme provided an overview of the timelines of the Migration, Cutover & Data Strategy, as per the slides. It was highlighted that the aim is to have the Migration Strategy approved at an extraordinary TMAG at the end of May. The Programme shared that the scope is to set out the key approaches and principles to deliver the migration between M11-M15 and how they will engage with participants on this.</p>
Data Cleanse Plan	<p>The Programme provided an overview of the initial key findings from the Data Cleanse technical sessions that will support the Data Cleanse Plan, as per the slide. It was shared that the next steps after the sessions will be to produce a draft Data Cleanse Plan which will be reviewed at the Migration Working Group (MWG), and then have the finalised plan for approval at June TMAG. The Programme noted that the plan will 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.</p> <p>A participant asked if there was any expectation for data cleansing for the data cuts for SIT in August. The Programme responded that certain data will be populated in time for an August data cut, but that it is unrealistic for complex areas to be ready to be cut then.</p>
MPAN exclusion	<p>The Programme provided an update on MPAN exclusion for reverse migration, as per the slide. It was highlighted that complex sites were the only area identified for exclusion at MWG. This exclusion will 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. It was noted that this will have no impact on consumer choice as consumers can pick any Suppliers and the Suppliers are not prevented from gaining the sites.</p>

	<p>The Programme highlighted that Export Meters and NHH AMR Meters were the other two areas under consideration for preventing reverse migration. It was noted that the Programme's 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. The Programme added that any exclusion recommendation is subject to discussions with Ofgem.</p> <p>To conclude, it was agreed that Complex sites was the only area identified as having a strong case for exclusion until M14.</p>
<p>DBT1 PIT</p>	<p>The Programme provided an update on DBT1 PIT Options, as per the slide. It was highlighted that they had received a proposal from the Large Supplier Constituency (LSC) to phase the PIT / SIT approach and from this the Programme is considering a number of options of how to meet the LSC request. The Programme is currently going through process of looking at pros and cons for each of the options. It was noted that a follow-up session will be held for LSC and any other participants who would like to attend to discuss the options. The Programme took an action to invite any participants who wanted to attend (ACTION TMAG17-02).</p> <p>A participant queried if there are any thoughts to how the Programme will align changes to design with SIT. The Programme responded that they understand any design changes will have impact on DBT and entry to SIT, and the standard approach will be to take any large changes as a Change Request process and for impact assessment. It was highlighted that the link is recognised between design and testing.</p>
<p>Placing Reliance Policy Approval</p>	<p>The Programme explained that version 0.6 of the Placing Reliance Policy was issued yesterday to the Collaboration Base. It was highlighted that all comments on the previous version have been responded to and it was mainly providing clarification to participants on the policy. The Programme shared there was one notable change, the previous version had aggressive timescale for participants to provide their proposals for placing reliance and the Programme has acknowledged the feedback that for some participants having ongoing procurement discussions and therefore they may need more time to reach the requirements. Consequently, The Programme would be accepting proposals up until the TE-0150 milestone with the caveat that there will be ongoing assurance to validate these proposals.</p> <p>The Programme stated that based on the minor change to the document, do TMAG members have any reason not to accept the approval. One participant highlighted that as the document only came out yesterday, was there any scope for provisional approval to the end of the week so participants had time to review compared to their previous comments before sign-off. The Chair agreed with provisional approval, subject to any queried by Friday.</p> <p>Another participant highlighted that allowing a period of 20 working days from submission date for the assurance process seemed restrictive and if there would be any flexibility on this. The Programme responded that changes have been made in the new version which acknowledges the need for further time.</p> <p>One participant asked if the pro forma had been made available for participants to populate and submit preferences. The Programme responded that this it is under review and will be made available this week.</p> <p>The Chair asked if any participants were not happy to provisionally approve of Placing Reliance Policy. No comments. Decision accepted to provisionally approve, subject to final comments (DECISION: TMAG-DEC26).</p>

<p>CIT & Functional Test Approach and Plan</p>	<p>The Programme 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. The Programme 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. The Programme noted that they expect to have two extraordinary SITWGs in June and July, before coming to July TMAG for approval.</p>
<p>Test Data Approach and Plan</p>	<p>The Programme 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.</p>
<p>Working group progress updates</p>	<p>Updates were provided on activity at the SITWG, Qualification and E2E Sandbox (QWG), and Non-Functional Testing (NFTWG) Working Groups.</p> <p><u>SITWG update</u></p> <p>The Programme gave 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.</p> <p><u>Qualification update</u></p> <p>The Elexon representative gave 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.</p> <p>A participant highlighted that a common theme for the LSC was that due to portfolio sizes there would be the need for flexibility to tranche allocation. The Elexon representative shared this will be discussed at the QWG and is an area of focus to work through this and alternative solutions with the working group. It was noted that there is a BSC requirement to deal with allocation of resource non-discriminatory, which can cause issues with LSC prioritisation.</p> <p><u>NFTWG update</u></p> <p>The Programme 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.</p>
<p>Summary and next steps</p>	<p>It was noted that the extraordinary TMAG on 27 April 2023 to approve the Migration, Cutover & Data Strategy had been cancelled.</p>

Date of next TMAG: 17 May 2023

