

NPD User Group - Update

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Aims and Objectives

- Welcome you to this meeting
- Introduce the NPD processing team
- Update you on some key developments, including
 - New streamlined request system
 - Increasing access to the NPD
 - ILR/HESA/NPD Linked data
- Destination Measures Data
- Indicator Standards



DfE collects and shares some of the best quality data across Whitehall

- DfE collects a large amount of data from schools and local authorities each year. We also collect qualifications level data from testing agencies and awarding bodies.
- A range of this data is published through numerous SFRs and websites like In Your Area and the Performance Tables – More data than ever before is being published on the performance tables.
- Not all this data can be shared so openly due to its sensitive nature. The National Pupil Database (NPD) contains a wide range of information about individual pupils and students in England.
- The Department supports better access to this data but must ensure release of data is lawful and complies with the Data Protection Act.



How we have improved data access:

- Amended legislation to give NPD access for a wider range of purposes. This now includes an increased number of named bodies and has expanded the research uses to now support the education or wellbeing of children in England.
- Streamlined the NPD application process making it easier for applicants and to further improve response times:
 - Shorter applications
 - Improved guidance
 - Tiered system
- This is a necessary process
- UK data Archive



Use of NPD Data

There has been a greater use of our data by the market:

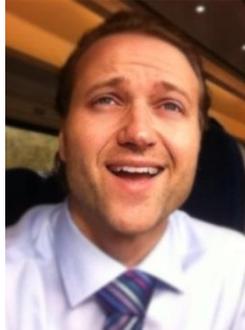
- We are responsible for maintaining the NPD and process over 300 data requests from third parties a year. Making sure that the release of data is lawful and compliant with the Data Protection Act.
- 57 external requests in April & May compared to 33 in the same period last year.
- 90% of requests processed within target time in the last 90 days compared to 83% in the last 12 months.
- List of requestors has been published.

“Everyone here is very impressed with the NPD requests team at present.”

Regular NPD User



NPD Team



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Martin Johnson



New linked data service:

- Launched a new service which enables access to linked (DfE, FE and HE) education data.
 - We have worked closely with officials from SFA, BIS, HESA and HEFCE to find a way within existing legislation to enable third parties to apply for access to linked education data.
 - After comprehensive consultation with lawyers from each organisation, an acceptable way forward was found and this new service was launched on 13th December 2013.
 - Interested parties can apply for data extracts of linked data (data from the NPD, individualised learner record and HESA student record). Previously this would have required three separate requests to each organisation and the third party would have to do the linking.



Destination Measures - June 2014

For any queries please contact the mailbox:

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KS4 & KS5 Destination Measures

What are they?

- They **show** the percentage of students continuing their education or training (including through an apprenticeship), going into employment, and those who were not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- They **provide** information on the success of schools and colleges in helping their pupils to progress on to positive sustained post-16 destinations.
- They are **published** at national, LA and institution level.

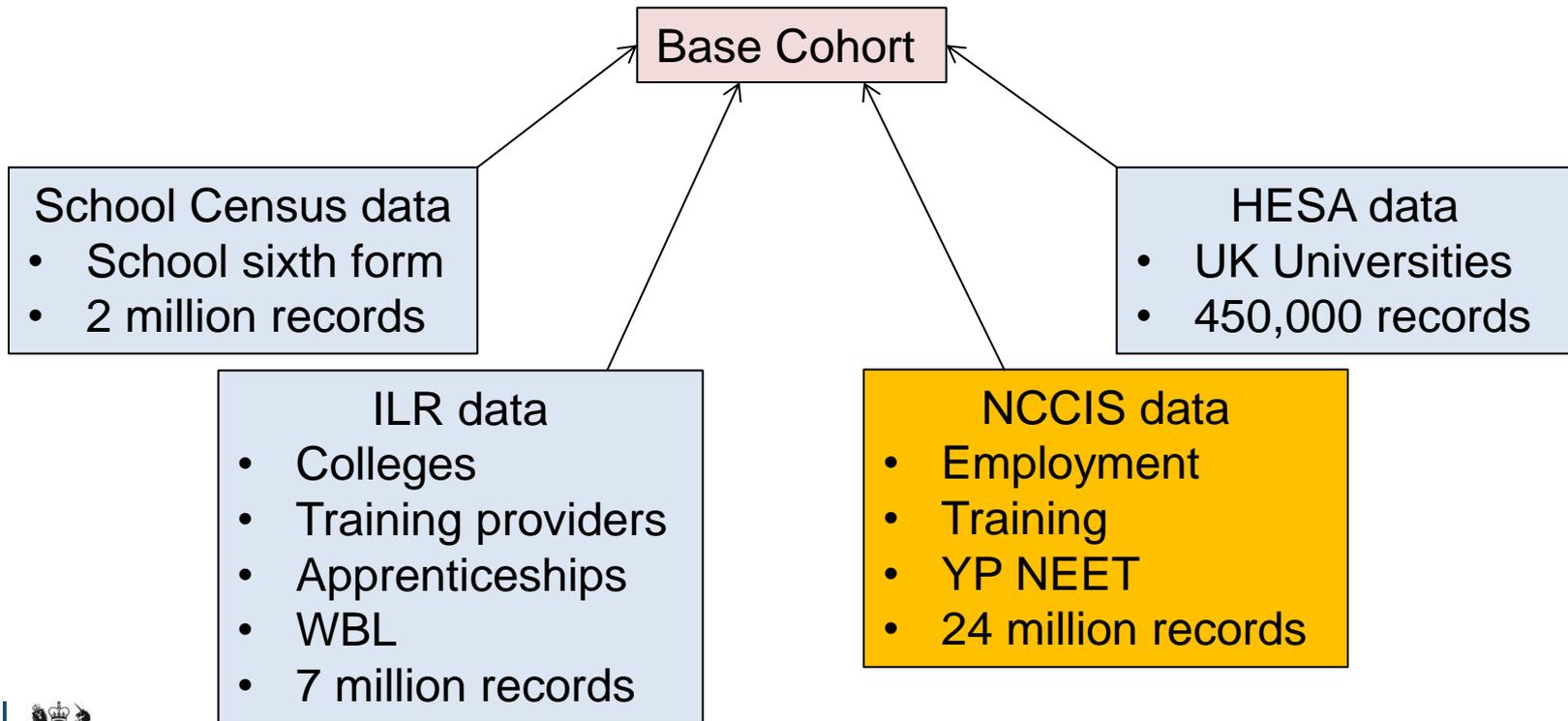
Who do they include?

- KS4 Measure (15 yr olds): destinations of pupils in the year following compulsory schooling
- KS5 Measure (mainly 17 yr olds): destinations of young people after taking A levels or other Level 3 qualifications for School sixth forms, Sixth Form Colleges and FE colleges



Data linking

Destination Data is linked to the two cohorts.



Publications – Experimental Statistics

- **In 2012**
 - Published education destinations only
- **In 2013**
 - Included students going onto employment or training and those who were NEET (not in education, employment or training)
 - Published characteristics data (gender, ethnicity, FSM and, for KS4, SEN). We later published destinations of KS5 SEN/LDD students
 - Included KS4 education destinations in Performance Tables
- **In 2014**
 - On 26 June, the 2011/12 destinations will be published. This will include *for the first time* data on independent schools, special schools, pupil referral units/alternative provision, and specialist post-16 institutions



Key findings at KS5: 2010/11 destinations

- **69%** were in sustained education, employment or training
 - 62% were in sustained education, of which:
 - 8% were in an FE College, 3% in a SSF or SFC
 - 48% went to an HEI
 - 6% were in employment or training
- **8%** did not remain in education, employment or training for the required 6 months
- **2%** were not sustained/NEET
- **20%** were not captured in the data



ISB working with Research Analysts

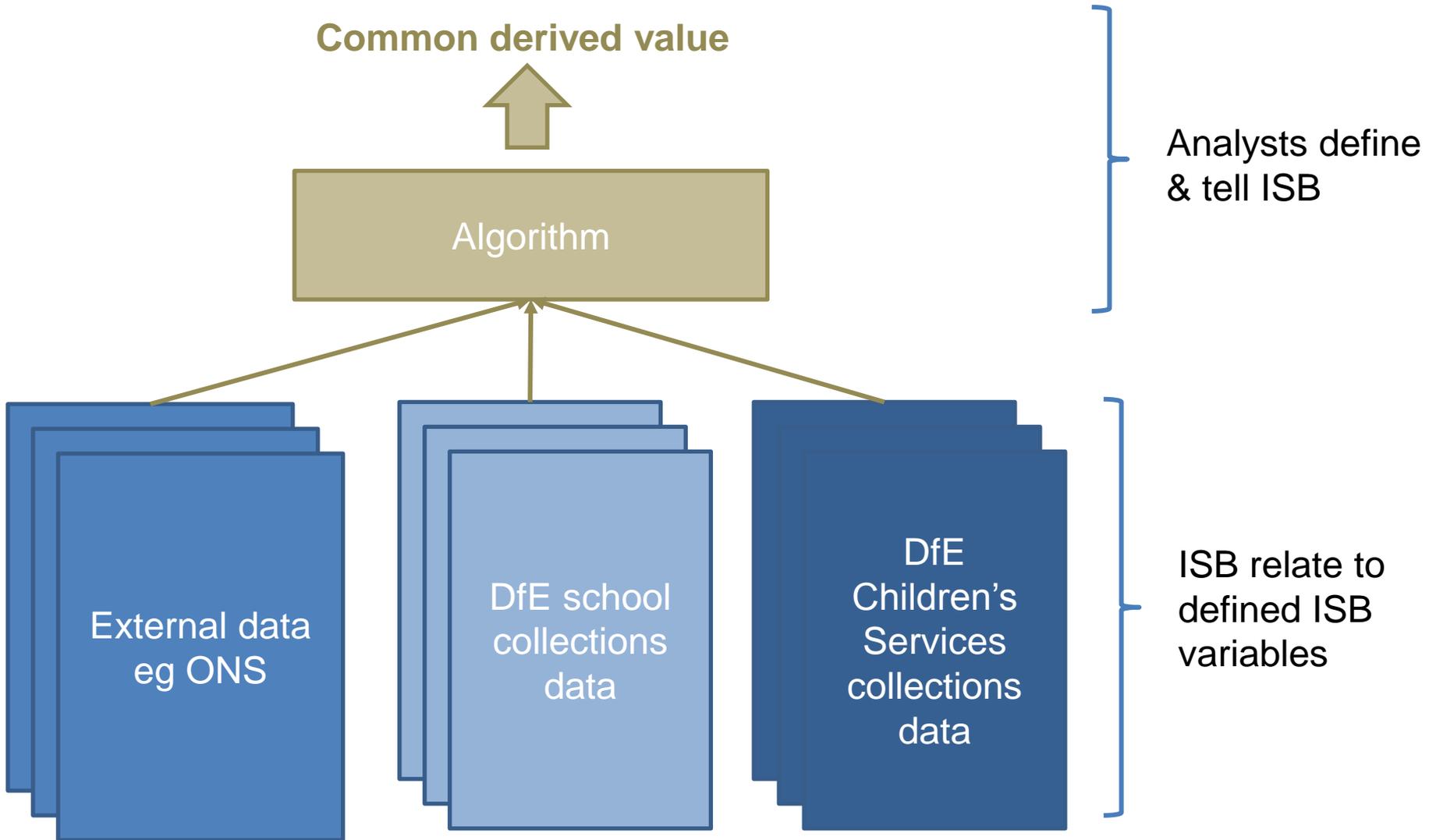


Background

- **Late 2013: Analysts proposed to Jude Hilary that there would be benefit in standardising common derived measures**
 - For example, if all analysts had access to and adopted a common measure for deprivation, their statistics would be comparable
- **ISB encourages this and is ready to provide assistance**



What is involved



Benefits

- **Greater clarity on the ‘variables’ used by researchers would improve transparency and comparability**
- **Derivations will relate to data that is standardised in common across education, skills and children’s services (ESCS)**
- **Derivations therefore usable across all of ESCS**



What next?

If there is an appetite for exploring developing standardised common derived measures:

- **ISB Technical Support Service could facilitate a workshop to review an indicator to explore the potential for establishing standardised common derived measures.**
- **The research community would liaise regarding agreeing formulation(s) of indicator(s).**
- **Technical Support Service would facilitate a follow-up workshop on how indicators could be derived from the source data items**

Let me know if you interested in attending a workshop or kept informed about this work.



For more information

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Visit the NPD website

- www.gov.uk/national-pupil-database-apply-for-a-data-extract

