

# A review of UCAS Groups & Boards – update to the Data Group - DG/14/001

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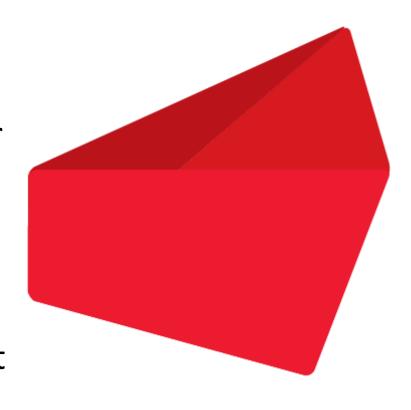
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# The importance of Groups & Boards

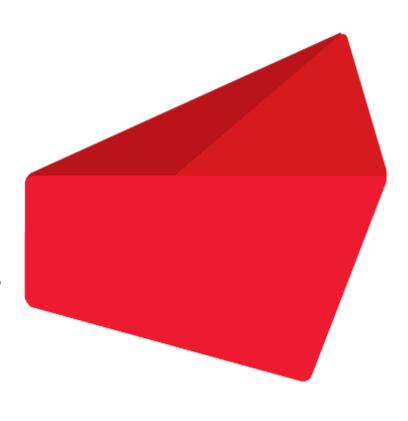
- Representation from the sector to inform our business
- Ensure the customer voice is being heard
- Ensure we have a mandate for change from our customers
- We know we need to do more
  - Consultation and
  - Engagement
- And we know we need to do it better





# The Review: Background

- Feedback from 2013 Admissions Conference
- New corporate governance model
- Range of different types of groups - out of date ToR; unclear purpose and remit; and membership in need of review.
- Focus on ensuring that UCAS has a structure which better reflects business areas and their priorities.





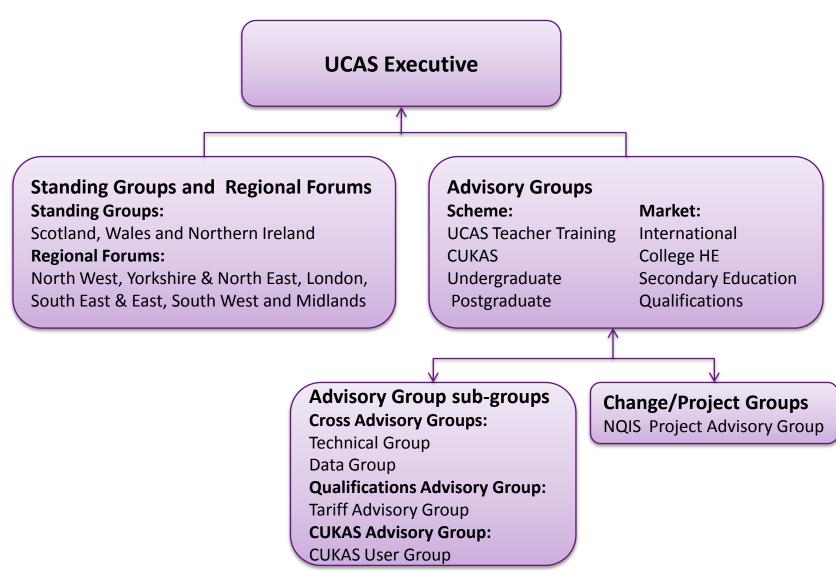
### The Review: Outcomes

#### No huge changes, just a new structure and changes to align with this:

- **Advisory Groups (Scheme):** Operational, strategic and advisory in nature with the purpose of providing specialist, scheme specific advice to the business.
- **Advisory Group (Market):** Strategic and advisory in nature with the purpose of providing specialise, market specific advice to the business.
- **Advisory Group sub groups or User groups:** Usually have a specific (usually narrow) scheme, strategic or market related remit and report into the aligned Advisory Group.
- **Change/project groups:** Groups convened for a specific project or change related remit: short term and time limited. These groups are likely to be related to a specific Advisory Group.
- **Standing Groups/Regional Forum:** Regional groups facilitated by UCAS for HEIs, schools, colleges and regional sector organisations to facilitate the engagement and discussion between UCAS, its stakeholders and customers



#### The new structure:



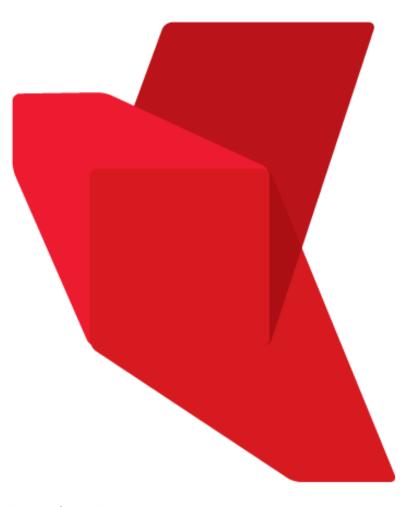
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# What this means for you?

- A new Data group: a forum for the discussion of strategic and crosscutting operational issues related to data
- Representation from HEPs across the sector and all UCAS schemes
- New Terms of Reference will be agreed
- New membership

We want the group to have value to UCAS and its customers, it will be a critical means of consultation and engagement.





## How the data group links into Advisory Groups?

- Like the Technical Group (cross scheme)
- Would like some overlap with attendance at Advisory Groups
- Invite updates from the UCAS group owners

