Overall Programme Status

The Programme progresses well, according to schedule and budget. Good engagement with all stakeholder groups continues. September will mark the start of the majority of schools beginning the move to electronic submission, feedback and grading. To enable this, detailed workshops have continued with schools through August (and into September). Preparation and testing for inclusion of PGT and Foundation sub modular marks in RISIS for autumn is on track. Design for integration continues, working through some software bugs. Availability during August due to holidays has been challenging, but at this point is not thought to impact overall timescale.

Workstream Status

eSFG (electronic submission, feedback and grading)

Detailed workshops with schools to work through current process and recommending best practice when working electronically continued in August, alongside training and development for Programme administrators. A crib sheet was finalised with definitions for mode of submissions for the different type of assessments, which will support Programme Administrators in setting up submission points. Additional training resources/guides were finalised, ready for use in the new academic year.

Core Systems – Sub Modular Marks

Support continued for administrators to update sub modular information for 2018/9. This included checking that new modules have been set up correctly in the system. Additional training sessions on the sub modular assessment tasks have been provided for Programme Administrators. Testing of a resolution relating to an issue of rounding sub modular assessment marks has been completed successfully. This solution will be made live in autumn once DELT have confirmed they are happy with the solution, and in time for the start of mark entry for 2018/9. System testing for PGT-specific sub modular requirements in RISIS continues. Test Plans were created ready for testing Foundation sub modular marks inclusion in RISIS in the autumn.

Core Systems – Integration

Final solution workshops were held to agree the requirements and solutions for standard scenarios and business rules. Detailed design completed and technical specifications were provided to the system supplier. Some software bugs are being investigated and fixed. It is estimated they will be fixed in time for User Acceptance Testing in October. Configuration for integration by the Middleware team is ongoing. Regular weekly meetings and the supplier and the project team continue.

Student Progress Dashboard

A successful submission was made to the Design Authority Group for the overall technical design. A Statement of Work was agreed with the supplier to progress to detailed design stage, and the kick of meeting was scheduled for end of September.

Supporting Change for EMA

Engagement with all stakeholder groups continues well. An EMA Communications Plan will be ready to commence dissemination in September. Final plans were established for the UoR hosted EMA conference on September 4th, for 76 attendees (internal and external). A test version of the online resources map was finalised, ready for review with the Working Group in early September. Discussions were held with key stakeholders to create an early draft of an EMA Operating Model, describing what will be different at an operational level once programme delivery is complete.