Section 1 - Details of Change (To be completed by the RFC Originator / CBDS Administrator)

Project / Service:

CBDS

Type of Change:
New Data Item

RFC 654

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Name and team/company of RFC Originator:

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Date RFC Raised: 9 August 2013	Date change required: As soon as possible
Priority:	1 = Top - Ministerial or legislative requirement 2 = High - Senior official customer requirement or clear net benefit / efficiency
2 = High	saving to EDD, department or MIS suppliers 3 = Medium - Customer requirement, marginal net benefit 4 = Low - Nice to have, net cost, does not affect functionality, cosmetic change

EDD Contact:

Alan Brooks or Ian Casey

Change Title: Create new data item `No Preference Met'

Data item / Rule Number: New item, applicable for LA Admissions systems only. This data item is not required for school systems.

Description of change:

The School Preference data collection is a new child level data collection for 2014. Data will show if a school placement offer has been made, and whether this offer was made on the basis of an on-line application or not. The collection will show where preferences have been met if an application was made. The creation of a new data item `No Preference Met' will enable analysis of whether preferences were met – if an application was made for the child.

Metadata Requirements:

1. New Item

CBDS Level - Pupil

CBDS Module - Admissions

Identifier 1 - (to be confirmed after the RFC has been approved)

Identifier 2 -

Data Item Name - No Preference Met

Description – Identifies whether a school place preference was met – where one (or more) was expressed. The field should be blank if no application was made.

Type and format – A(5); 1, 0, True, False (This field may be missing/blank)

Code set / Valid values - N/A

Item Level Validation – Must be either Y or N (i.e. true or false) or blank. (This field may be missing/blank)

XML Tag - < NoPreferenceMet>

Status - Active

History Notes - N/A

Multiplicity Notes - S

Reason for change (including benefits):

The move to collecting pupil level data for secondary and primary schools will bring significant benefits in terms of increasing choice and competition, and identifying areas where improvement is needed. The data will help to assess whether parents in poorer households express preferences good schools and the extent to which such preferences are met. This is a potentially important influence on social mobility.

Thus, more detailed information will help us to analyse why preferences are made, which should enable us to improve preference rates. Pupil level data will show how often individual schools are requested; the rank of these requests (e.g. 1st, 2nd); and if a school(s) is oversubscribed (which will impact on performance for a local area).

Existing evidence already suggests that disadvantaged families are less likely to apply to attend the best schools, and the new data will be matched to FSM/SEN etc to look at how to resolve this.

The most pressure for places is at primary level, and collecting data at this level will allow the above issues to be analysed for the first time.

Star Chamber Scrutiny Board has supported the collection of this data.

The creation of a new data item `No Preference Met' will enable analysis of whether preferences were met – if an application was made for the child.

Impact of not doing the change:

If the new collection does not take place, the chance to analyse preferences data will be lost. The ability to see if an on line application was made, and if so, whether preference(s) expressed were met or not for each child, is critical to assessing how often preferences are met nationally. The opportunity to analyse whether preferences were met for each child (if an application was made) will be lost if the new data item `No Preference Met' is not created.

ISB view of the proposed change:

ISB position must be sought from ISB TSS (TSS IT Governance)

ISB raised no issues in relation to this data item

Funding availability:

N/A

Impact assessment to be undertaken by:

ISB

LA Admissions software suppliers (copied to core suppliers for information)

DfE Project Group

Date consulted: Response requested by: 12 August 2013 20 August 2013

Section 2 - Impact Analysis

(To be completed by Impact Assessors)

Software Suppliers' Summary of Impact Assessment:

Software suppliers raised no issues in relation to this request.

DfE Internal Colleagues' Summary of Impact Assessment:

A request was made to make the valid values between CBDS and the technical specification consistent. Otherwise no issues were raised in relation to this request.

Alternative Solutions / Workarounds (if appropriate):

N/A

Estimated Cost of Change: N/A Impact Assessed by (name): **Date: 20 August 2013** DfE Working Group, ISB LA Admission suppliers Section 3 - Outcome / Decision (To be completed CBDS Administrator) Review Meeting: Data Standards Board **Attendees: Date of Review Meeting:** Ian Casey 21 August 2013 Alan Brooks **Brief Summary of Discussion:** The request to make CBDS and technical specification valid values consistent was supported. Y/N flags in the specification have been replaced by `True, False, 1, 0, (missing or blank). The Board accepted the RFC Accept / Reject: Deferred to: Accept Not Applicable Type of Funding: **Fund Holder Agreement:** Not Applicable Not Applicable If Defer, provide details Not Applicable If Accept, provide details: The new data item will be included in the CBDS showing the metadata requirements as follows: CBDS Level - Pupil CBDS Module - Admissions Identifier 1 - 100528 Identifier 2 -Data Item Name - No Preference Met Description - Identifies whether a school place preference was met - where one (or more) was expressed. The field should be blank if no application was made. Type and format – A(5); 1, 0, True, False (This field may be missing/blank) Code set / Valid values - N/A Item Level Validation – Must be either 1 or 0 (i.e. true or false) or blank. (This field may be missing/blank) XML Tag - <NoPreferenceMet>

Status - Active

History Notes - N/A

Multiplicity Notes - S

The CBDS database, version control log and RFC log will be published in the first week of September to reflect this change at: http://www.education.gov.uk/researchandstatistics/datatdatam/cbds/a0058744/cbds

If Reject, provide details:

Not Applicable



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