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Open Data Request Process – Open Data User Group / Data.gov.uk

Tax Sector Transparency Board – 10th May 2013

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Open Data User Group is working with the Transparency Team in CO to run a data request process

Developed a request form on Data.gov.uk

Launched in October 2012

Citizens / businesses set out:
- Data they want released
- Barriers experiencing in accessing this data
- What they would do with this data

All requests are published on Data.gov.uk
- Confidential requests can also be raised and won't be published on the website

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Once a request is made CO TT undertake initial triage of request

Filter out and respond to requesters where:

- Request isn't for a data set
- Data is not held by a publicly funded body

For those requests where data is already released as open data but there are issues with accessing it, TT will raise this with the data publisher. This is where:

- Data not available on Data.gov.uk
- Link to data broken on DGU
- Quality of the data is below 3 stars
- Data not up to date
- Formatting of dataset not appropriate

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Where not currently available as open data CO TT will work with depts and ODUG to understand if it can be released

If the data is set for release in an Open Data strategy it might be that the Department could release it early.

Where the dataset it is currently charged for and it is prioritised by ODUG then ODUG will develop a benefits case
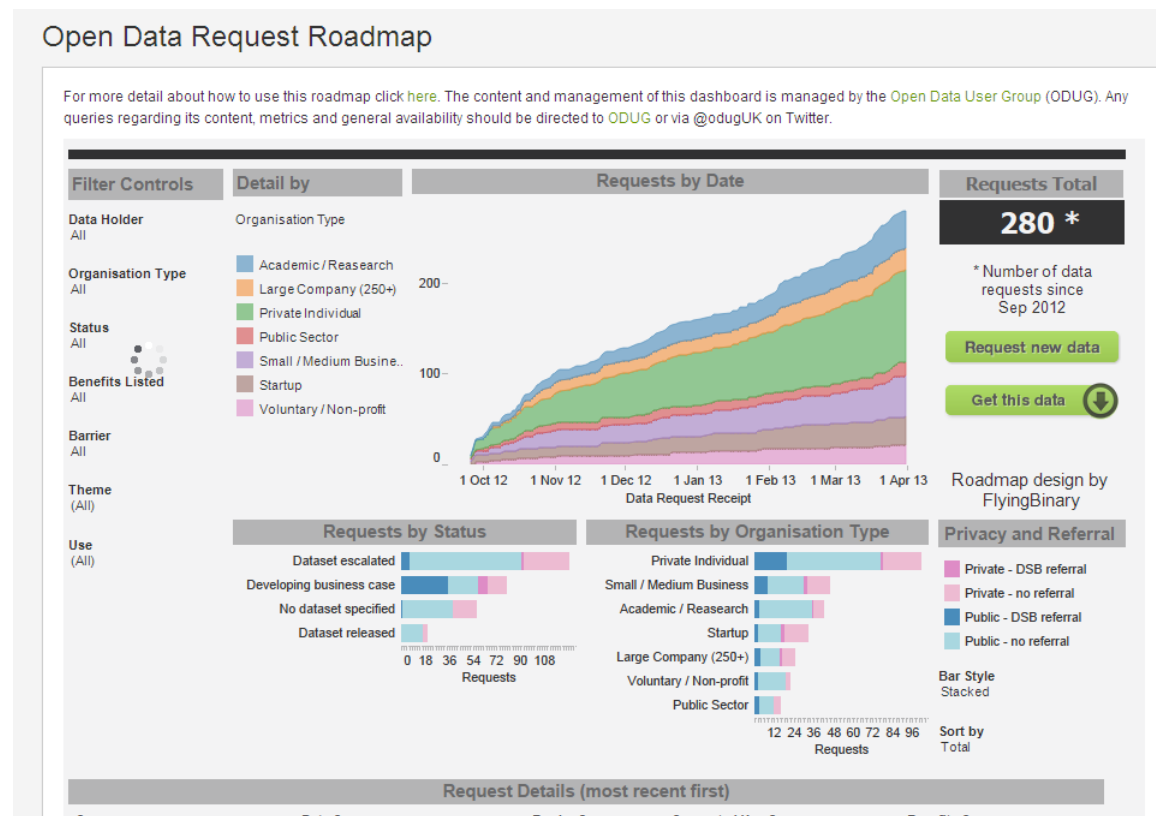
- Where the data is held by one of the Public Data Group Trading Funds this will be raised to the Data Strategy Board

In some cases the licensing terms are too restrictive or is the data may be subject to commercial or personal confidentiality

- The ODUG chair will raise this with the data publisher

ODUG have developed a visualisation of the requests received, published on Data.gov.uk

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CO TT and ODUG would be interested in thoughts on this process

How would Tax Transparency Sector Board want to be involved?

How does this process now work with agreed criteria for consideration of requests by HMRC?