

# **Modification 0649**

**Update to UNC to formalise the Data  
Permissions Matrix**

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# Modification 0649 – Data Access

- Data can be accessed within **DES** by User and User access type (Community or Portfolio). What data each User can see is detailed within the DES Permissions Matrix which forms part of the UK Link Manual.
  - Without references in UNC this is just a service description
- With the development of Application Programming Interfaces (**APIs**) to provide specific request / response interfaces, and their comparatively short development lead timescales it is proposed to incorporate the data available via this interface within a more solution agnostic 'Data Permissions Matrix'.
- Users would benefit from further clarity around how they may access data, and what data items that they are entitled to see under which service. Development of this Data Permissions Matrix could be extended to other request / response interfaces (e.g. **telephone service**).
- Modification 0649 seeks to recognise the existence of the **Data Permissions Matrix** within the UNC, thereby formalising the permission to make data available to the relevant party and create rules for future changes.

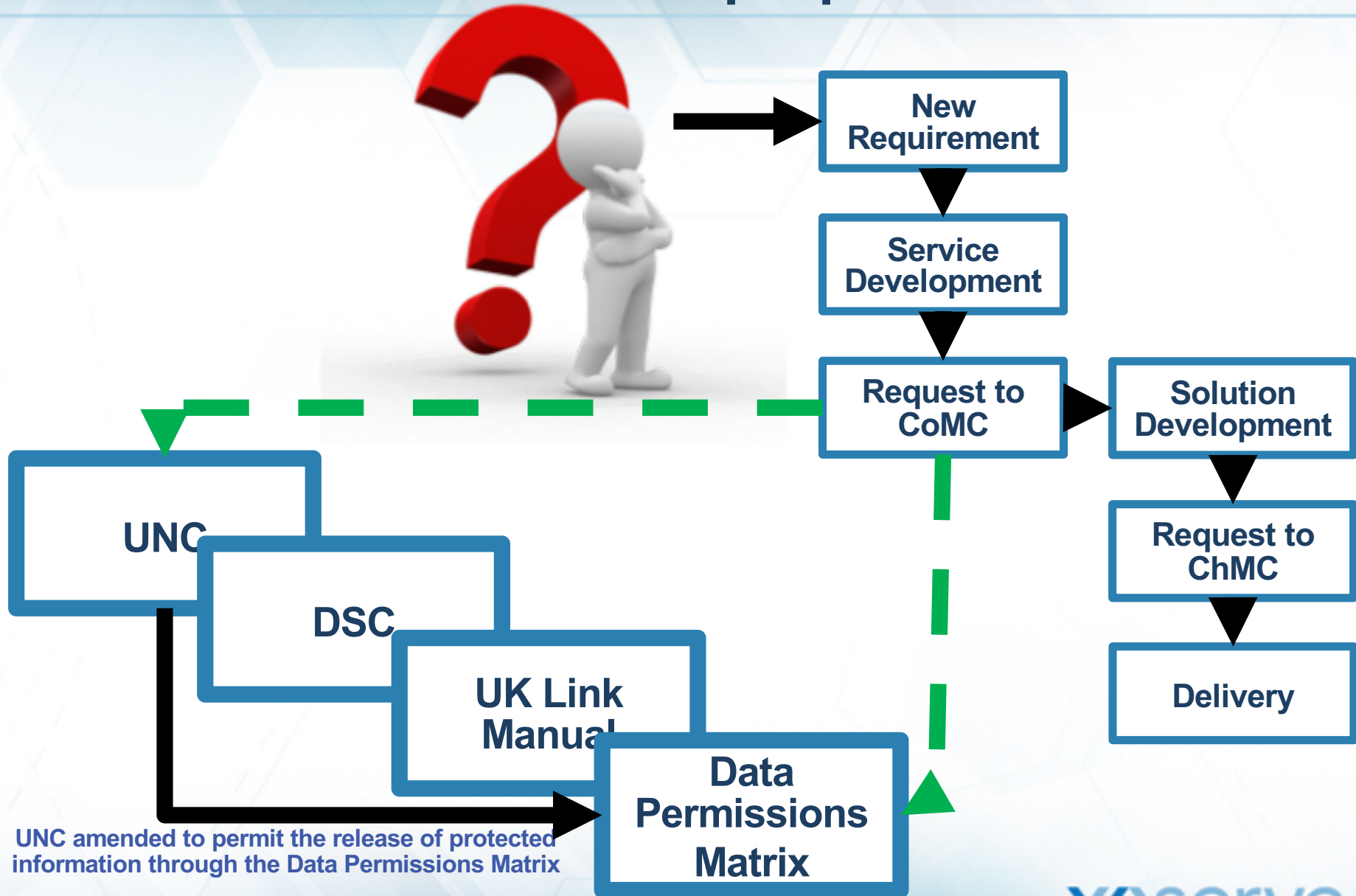
# Modification 0649 – Solution

- It is expected that the UNC would “point” to the DSC UK Link Manual, it is not envisaged that the Data Permissions Matrix becomes part of core UNC legal text.
- The solution is to:
  - Amend TPD Section V5.5 (Exceptions) of the UNC to formalise the Data Permissions Matrix.
  - Extend DSC Contract Management role (GT-D).
- It is proposed that amendment to this Data Permissions Matrix is governed by DSC Contract Management Committee.
  - Where they consider that the decision requires additional visibility this could be undertaken via a UNC Modification – depending upon the content such modifications could be issued for consultation without development in a Workgroup subject to Panel approval.
- Changes to the Data Permissions Matrix **could** (subject to 0649 WG Development) follow this governance:
  - Add a new Service Type – UNC Modification
  - Add a new User / Recipient Type – UNC Modification
  - Add a new data item to the Data Permissions Matrix – DSC Contract Managers, referral to UNC by CoMC if requested
  - Add an existing data item to an existing Service Type - DSC Contract Managers, referral to UNC by CoMC if requested

# Modification 0649 – Services

- Proposal to include request / response services
- Auditable about use
- Services intended to be included in 0649:
  - Data Enquiry Service
  - Application Programmable Interfaces (APIs)
  - Telephone Services (?)
- Could be extended to include
  - Reports to Users – views?
- Not intended to include
  - File interfaces

# How Modification 0649 is proposed to work



**Thank you**

# Further Background – History of DES Permissions

- The Data Enquiry Service (DES), formally known as Internet Access to Data was one of the Supply Point Information Services (SPIS) enshrined in the Uniform Network Code (UNC) Section G:
  - 1.9.10 The Transporter has established and shall maintain an information service (the "**Supply Point Information Service**") in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Standard Special Condition A31 of the Transporter's Licence.*
  - 1.9.11 Subject to paragraph 1.9.12, where a User requests information from the Supply Point Information Service, the Transporter shall provide in a timely manner such information that it is obliged to provide pursuant to Standard Special Condition A31 of the Transporter's Licence and subject to the provisions therein (the "**Supply Point Information**").*
  - 1.9.12 The Transporters shall publish a document as prepared and revised from time to time by the Transporters (in consultation with Users) setting out the methods by which a User may obtain the Supply Point Information (the "**Supply Point Information Service Guidelines**") and where a User requires any Supply Point Information, it shall follow the procedures as set out in the Supply Point Information Service Guidelines.*
- Following the development of SPAA arrangements, the SPIS was incorporated and Schedule 23 - *Provision and Utilisation of DES and other Supply Point Information Services* was created – and reference made to this in UNC Section V5.
- To avoid dual governance of the SPIS, Modification 0087 was raised and approved which removed the above references from the UNC