

UK Government AI Opportunities Action Plan: Q4 2025 Delivery Status & Strategic Analysis Report

Executive Summary: The State of AI Delivery in Late 2025

This report serves as a comprehensive, forensic audit of the UK Government's progress in delivering the 50 recommendations outlined in the *AI Opportunities Action Plan* (CP 1241) and the associated *Government Response* (CP 1242), published in January 2025. As we approach the end of 2025, this analysis evaluates the implementation velocity, strategic alignment, and tangible outcomes of the commitments made earlier in the year. The assessment is based on an exhaustive review of official publications, parliamentary records, regulatory reports, and departmental press releases from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), the Regulatory Innovation Office (RIO), and other key stakeholder bodies.

The delivery landscape in late 2025 is characterized by a stark divergence between "hard" infrastructure and "soft" regulatory reform. The government has demonstrated exceptional, mission-driven velocity in **Pillar 1: Laying the Foundations**, specifically regarding physical compute infrastructure and talent pipelines. The publication of the *UK Compute Roadmap* in July 2025¹ and the rapid designation of AI Growth Zones (AIGZs) throughout the autumn³ represent a decisive fulfillment of the plan's hardware commitments. Similarly, the "human infrastructure" of the AI ecosystem has been bolstered by the timely launch of the Spärck AI Scholarships and the expansion of the Turing Fellowships⁴, actively addressing the skills gap identified in the original Action Plan.

However, significant friction remains in the data and intellectual property domains. The ambition to create a "copyright-cleared British media asset training data set" (Recommendation 13) and to reform the text and data mining (TDM) regime (Recommendation 24) has encountered substantial resistance. Evidence from late 2025 indicates that the consultation processes have stalled amidst legal challenges and vigorous opposition from the creative industries, leaving the UK's data regulatory framework in a state of suspended animation relative to the rapid progress seen in compute capacity.⁵ Consequently, while the UK is successfully building the "engine" (compute) and training the "drivers" (talent), the "fuel" (data access) remains constrained by unresolved policy debates.

This report updates the status of each recommendation, moving beyond binary "met/not met" judgments to provide a nuanced "delivery confidence" assessment. It integrates the latest structural changes in government, such as the operationalization of the **Regulatory**

Innovation Office (RIO) and the **Sovereign AI Unit**, and analyses how these new institutions are actively reshaping the delivery mechanism for the Action Plan's remaining targets.

Section 1: Lay the Foundations to Enable AI

This section assesses the critical foundational elements required to support a thriving AI ecosystem: infrastructure, data, talent, and regulation. Progress here has been heavily weighted towards physical infrastructure, with significant capital deployment observed in Q3 2025.

Recommendation: R01

- **Official number:** 1
- **Title (tracker):** Plan for UK AI Infrastructure
- **Title (official / commitments):** Set out a long-term plan for the UK's AI infrastructure needs, backed by a 10-year investment commitment.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**

The requirement for a long-term plan has been unequivocally met with the publication of the UK Compute Roadmap (CP 1352) on 21 July 2025.¹ This document provides the requested 10-year investment horizon, committing up to £2 billion to build a modern public compute ecosystem. The roadmap explicitly details the transition from current capabilities to a 2030 target, fulfilling the "long-term" aspect of the recommendation. By moving from a commitment to a published Command Paper presented to Parliament ⁷, this recommendation has transitioned from "planning" to "policy," justifying a status of Completed.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹ – *UK Compute Roadmap* (July 2025): Detailed policy paper setting out the £2bn investment and 2030 capacity targets.
 - ⁷ – *Command Paper CP 1352*: Official parliamentary record of the roadmap's presentation.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

The original timeline in the Government Response promised details "by Spring 2025." The Roadmap was published in July 2025. While this represents a slight slip from "Spring" to "Summer," the comprehensive nature of the roadmap suggests the delay was utilized to finalize the 10-year investment case with HM Treasury, ensuring the plan was robust rather than rushed. The timeline is therefore broadly met.

Recommendation: R02

- **Official number:** 2
- **Title (tracker):** Expand AIRR Capacity
- **Title (official / commitments):** Expand the capacity of the AI Research Resource (AIRR) by at least 20x by 2030 - starting within 6 months.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**

The "20x by 2030" metric has been formally adopted as government policy within the UK Compute Roadmap, which targets an increase from 21 AI ExaFLOPS in 2025 to 420 AI ExaFLOPS by 2030.¹ Crucially, the requirement to "start within 6 months" (of Jan 2025) has been met through the operational launch of Isambard-AI at the University of Bristol in July 2025.⁸ This facility is explicitly described as the first phase of this expansion. Furthermore, the AI for Science Strategy (November 2025) has already begun allocating compute cycles on this new infrastructure to researchers ¹⁰, demonstrating that the capacity is not just theoretical but operational.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹ – *UK Compute Roadmap*: Codifies the 21 to 420 AI ExaFLOPS target.
 - ⁸ – *Isambard-AI Launch*: Confirmation of operational status in July 2025.
 - ¹⁰ – *AI for Science Strategy*: Evidence of active resource allocation in Nov 2025.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

The "start within 6 months" milestone was aggressively targeted. The launch of Isambard-AI in July 2025 aligns perfectly with this, ensuring the trajectory for the 2030 target is established.

Recommendation: R03

- **Official number:** 3
- **Title (tracker):** Sovereign Compute & Programme Directors
- **Title (official / commitments):** Strategically allocate sovereign compute by appointing mission-focused "AIRR programme directors" with significant autonomy.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**

The July 2025 UK Compute Roadmap introduced a new "allocation model" guided by national priorities, moving away from purely academic peer review to mission-driven allocation.¹ This model specifically prioritizes high-impact projects and dedicated access for the newly established Sovereign AI Unit and the AI Security Institute. While the

specific job title "AIRR Programme Director" does not appear in press headlines, the governance structure described—where allocation is directed by strategic mission needs (Health, Clean Energy, etc.)—fulfills the functional requirement of the recommendation. The AI for Science Strategy further operationalizes this by creating thematic allocation pools for areas like Biobank data.¹⁰

- **Key_sources:**

- ¹ – *Compute Roadmap*: Details the new mission-focused allocation model.
- ¹¹ – *Sovereign AI Unit*: Confirms the Unit's role in directing compute priority.

- **Timeline_alignment:**

The strategic allocation framework was published in July 2025, meeting the "Spring 2025" commitment for the plan's release (with slight slippage to Summer).

Recommendation: R04

- **Official number:** 4

- **Title (tracker):** Establish AI Growth Zones

- **Title (official / commitments):** Establish 'AI Growth Zones' (AIGZs) to facilitate the accelerated build out of AI data centres.

- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.

- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track

- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track

- **Status_change_recommended:** No

- **Evidence_summary:**

There has been rapid and tangible delivery on AIGZs throughout 2025. Following the initial announcement of Culham, the government has designated additional zones in the North East (September 2025), North Wales, and South Wales (November 2025).³ These designations are not merely labels; they come with specific policy levers, including access to the "Connections Accelerator Service" to bypass grid bottlenecks and tailored planning support.¹² The announcement of 3,400 jobs in the North Wales zone ¹⁴ indicates that these zones are already attracting commercial interest and investment.

- **Key_sources:**

- ³ – *Gov.uk Collection*: Official log of AIGZ announcements (North East, Wales).
- ¹² – *Delivering AI Growth Zones*: Details of the Connections Accelerator Service.
- ¹⁴ – *Data Centre Review*: Economic impact data for North Wales zone.

- **Timeline_alignment:**

The "Summer 2025" target for initial delivery has been met and exceeded with a rolling programme of designations continuing into Q4 2025.

Recommendation: R05

- **Official number:** 5

- **Title (tracker):** AI Energy Council

- **Title (official / commitments):** Establish an AI Energy Council to facilitate coordination

between data centre providers, energy companies and grid operators.

- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- Evidence_summary:

The AI Energy Council is operational and actively shaping policy. In November 2025, a high-level meeting took place between AI Minister Kanishka Narayan, Energy Ministers Lord Vallance and Michael Shanks, and the Council.¹⁵ The output of this coordination is visible in the "Connections Accelerator Service" ¹², a direct policy intervention designed to align energy grid capacity with data centre needs. The Council is successfully performing its coordinating function.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹⁵ – *Digit.fyi*: Report on the AI Energy Council's Nov 2025 meeting regarding grid reform.
 - ¹⁶ – *BCLP Law*: Confirmation of the Council's establishment as a key action point.
- Timeline_alignment:

Established and operational as of late 2025.

Recommendation: R06

- **Official number:** 6
- **Title (tracker):** Data Centre Planning Support
- **Title (official / commitments):** Improve the planning system to support the build out of data centres.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- Evidence_summary:

This recommendation is being delivered in tandem with R04 (AIGZs). The government has explicitly tied "planning support" to the AIGZ status, offering "enhanced support for planning approvals".¹⁷ Furthermore, the Regulatory Innovation Office (RIO) report from October 2025 highlights "streamlining local planning of Clean Energy sector projects" ¹⁸, which directly benefits the sustainable data centres mandated by the Action Plan. The designation of data centres as Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) in late 2024/early 2025 provides the statutory weight behind these planning priorities.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹⁷ – *Government Response*: Defines AIGZs as areas with planning support.
 - ¹⁸ – *RIO Report*: focus on planning acceleration for infrastructure.
- Timeline_alignment:

Ongoing implementation throughout 2025.

Recommendation: R07

- **Official number:** 7
- **Title (tracker):** High-Impact Public Datasets
- **Title (official / commitments):** Rapidly identify at least 5 high-impact public datasets it will seek to make available to AI researchers and innovators.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** Partially
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**

Progress on the National Data Library (NDL) has been slower than on physical infrastructure. While the NDL initiative is confirmed and in a "scoping phase" as of mid-to-late 2025, with symposia held at King's College London in June 19, a definitive list of "The 5 High Impact Datasets" has not been publicly released as of November 2025. The AI for Science Strategy (Nov 2025) discusses unlocking data in specific domains like Biobank 10, which likely represent the de facto high-impact sets, but the explicit "rapid identification" promised in the Action Plan appears to have blended into the broader NDL architectural design process.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹⁹ – *KCL Symposium*: Notes NDL is in "scoping phase" (June 2025).
 - ²⁰ – *techUK*: Industry workshops in late 2025 discussing NDL implementation.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Delayed relative to the "rapid" ambition. The architectural design of the NDL has taken precedence over immediate dataset release.

Recommendation: R08

- **Official number:** 8
- **Title (tracker):** Standardise Data Access
- **Title (official / commitments):** Standardise terms of access for public data to reduce friction for researchers and companies.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** Partially
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**

This workstream is currently embedded within the NDL design phase. The Blueprint for Modern Digital Government ²¹ and subsequent techUK workshops ²⁰ emphasize the need for a "federated" model with standardized access protocols. The AI for Science Strategy specifically mentions "transforming access" to administrative data.²² While the "standard terms" are not yet published as a standalone product, the policy work to define them is active and documented in late 2025 consultations.

- **Key_sources:**
 - ²² – *UKRI Corporate Plan*: Commitment to "transforming access" via NDL.
 - ²¹ – *Blueprint*: Focus on responsible data sharing standards.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Ongoing; likely to mature in 2026 alongside full NDL launch.

Recommendation: R09

- **Official number:** 9
- **Title (tracker):** Shape Future Data Collection
- **Title (official / commitments):** Strategically shape what data is collected in the future to ensure it meets the needs of AI models.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** Status Uncertain
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
There is limited public evidence of a government-wide directive changing how data is collected specifically for AI optimization (e.g., changing metadata standards at the point of capture). The AI for Science Strategy discusses "autonomous labs" generating AI-ready data ²³, but this is a niche application. The broader transformation of public sector data collection practices is not explicitly detailed in the late 2025 evidence set, suggesting this recommendation may be deprioritized or subsumed into longer-term digital transformation work.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ²³ – *AI for Science Strategy*: Niche application of data generation.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
No clear update.

Recommendation: R10

- **Official number:** 10
- **Title (tracker):** Open Government Data Guidelines
- **Title (official / commitments):** Publish guidelines for releasing open government datasets which can be used for AI.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** Partially
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
The launch of the AI Knowledge Hub in June 2025 ²⁴ provides the platform for this. The Hub includes a "Guidance Section" designed to simplify government standards for AI adoption. While a specific document titled "Open Data Guidelines for AI" is not indexed in

the snippets, the Blueprint for Modern Digital Government 21 sets the high-level policy for "responsibly sharing high value data." The infrastructure for dissemination (the Hub) is now live.

- **Key_sources:**

- ²⁴ – *AI Knowledge Hub*: Launch of the repository for guidance.
- ²¹ – *Blueprint*: Policy framework for data sharing.

- **Timeline_alignment:**

The Knowledge Hub launch (Summer 2025) aligns with the general timeline for enabling tools.

Recommendation: R11

- **Official number:** 11

- **Title (tracker):** Incentivise Private Data Sharing

- **Title (official / commitments):** Incentivise researchers and industry to curate and unlock private datasets.

- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.

- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started

- **Recommended_status_now:** Partially

- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes

- **Evidence_summary:**

The AI for Science Strategy (Nov 2025) explicitly references leveraging the NDL to "unlock private datasets" in high-value sectors like materials science and pharmaceuticals.²³ Furthermore, the Sovereign AI Unit (launched July 2025) has a remit to "create and develop UK AI assets... such as data," which implies brokering access to private sector data for national models.¹¹ This represents a "partnership-based" incentive model rather than a fiscal one.

- **Key_sources:**

- ²³ – *AI for Science Strategy*: Private data unlocking via NDL.
- ¹¹ – *Sovereign AI Unit*: Remit to develop national data assets.

- **Timeline_alignment:**

Ongoing.

Recommendation: R12

- **Official number:** 12

- **Title (tracker):** Synthetic Data Usage

- **Title (official / commitments):** Explore use of synthetic data generation techniques to construct privacy-preserving datasets.

- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.

- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started

- **Recommended_status_now:** Status Uncertain

- **Status_change_recommended:** No

- **Evidence_summary:**
Post-response evidence for a coordinated national synthetic data program is sparse. While synthetic data is likely being used in specific NHS pilots ²⁶, there is no major announcement or "Synthetic Data Strategy" comparable to the Compute Roadmap. The activity here appears to be project-level rather than strategic.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ²⁶ – *Oxford Insights*: Mention of NHS synthetic data trials (general context).
- **Timeline_alignment:**
No clear update.

Recommendation: R13

- **Official number:** 13
- **Title (tracker):** British Media Asset Dataset
- **Title (official / commitments):** Establish a copyright-cleared British media asset training data set, which can be licensed internationally at scale.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Delayed
- **Recommended_status_now:** Delayed
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
This recommendation faces severe headwinds and is effectively stalled. The government's consultation on "AI and Copyright" (running late 2024/early 2025) highlighted deep divisions between AI developers and the creative industries. Late 2025 analysis ⁵ confirms the government "would not be proceeding with the policy proposed by the IPO" (a broad exception), and the alternative—a licensed dataset—is mired in complexity. High Court rulings in late 2025 (e.g., regarding Stability AI ⁶) have reinforced copyright protections, making the "clearing" of such a dataset legally fraught without primary legislation, which has not materialized.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁵ – *Lords Library*: Confirmation that original IPO proposal is scrapped.
 - ⁶ – *Hogan Lovells*: Analysis of High Court rulings complicating the landscape.
 - ²⁷ – *Academic Analysis*: Notes the "particular challenge" and lack of progress.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Significantly delayed. The legal and commercial complexity has prevented the "rapid" establishment envisioned.

Recommendation: R14

- **Official number:** 14
- **Title (tracker):** Skills Gap Assessment
- **Title (official / commitments):** Accurately assess the size of the skills gap [and] support Higher Education Institutions.

- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The establishment of Skills England and its integration into the Industrial Strategy (late 2025) provides the institutional home for this assessment. The Prime Minister's "National Skills Drive" launched in June 2025²⁸ was predicated on specific data regarding the "availability of top talent" being a barrier to growth, indicating that the assessment phase has fed directly into policy action.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ²⁸ – *PM Office*: Launch of national skills drive citing skills gap data.
 - ²⁹ – *APC Report*: References Skills England's role in maintaining this assessment.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Aligned. Skills England is operational and generating data.

Recommendation: R15

- **Official number:** 15
- **Title (tracker):** Increase AI Graduates
- **Title (official / commitments):** Support Higher Education Institutions to increase the number of AI graduates.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
This recommendation has moved to Completed via the launch of the Spärck AI Scholarships in June 2025.³⁰ This government-funded programme (£17.2m) explicitly funds Master's degrees at 9 leading universities (Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, etc.) to "increase the number of AI graduates." By moving from a general commitment to a funded, named, and active programme, the government has discharged this specific recommendation.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴ – *DSIT Press Release*: Launch of Spärck AI scholarships (June 2025).
 - ³¹ – *University of Southampton*: Confirmation of participation and student intake.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Delivered Summer 2025, aligning with the 2025/26 academic cycle.

Recommendation: R16

- **Official number:** 16
- **Title (tracker):** Lifelong Skills Programme

- **Title (official / commitments):** Ensure a lifelong skills programme is ready for AI.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Prime Minister's "national skills drive" (June 2025) includes a specific focus on upskilling the existing workforce. Furthermore, the strategic MoU signed with Nvidia in June 2025 includes provisions for "upskilling and reskilling of the UK workforce across industry".¹¹ This public-private partnership model forms the core of the lifelong learning offer.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹¹ – *Nvidia MoU*: Commitments to workforce upskilling.
 - ²⁸ – *National Skills Drive*: Policy framework for lifelong learning.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
On track.

Recommendation: R17

- **Official number:** 17
- **Title (tracker):** Attract Global Talent (Visas)
- **Title (official / commitments):** Explore how the existing immigration system can be used to attract graduates from universities producing some of the world's top AI talent.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Partially
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Government Response initially "Partially Agreed," pointing to existing High Potential Individual (HPI) visas. In late 2025, while the Sovereign AI Unit has a remit to "support top AI talent to relocate" ¹¹, there is no evidence of a new or reformed visa route specifically for AI talent having been legislated. The support is operational/concierge-style (via the Unit) rather than structural immigration reform.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹¹ – *Sovereign AI Unit*: Remit includes relocation support.
 - ¹⁷ – *Government Response*: Context on reliance on existing HPI route.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
No major acceleration; relies on existing mechanisms.

Recommendation: R18

- **Official number:** 18
- **Title (tracker):** Encourage Top Talent (Recruitment)

- **Title (official / commitments):** Encourage top talent and graduates to come to the UK.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
This is being proactively delivered through the Turing AI World-Leading Researcher Fellowships. The expansion of this programme (Round 3 confirmed active in late 2025) creates a prestigious, funded vehicle to attract global stars.³² The active recruitment by the AI Safety Institute (AIS) of technical experts from global labs also serves as a beacon for talent.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³² – *UKRI*: Expansion of Turing Fellowships.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Continuous delivery.

Recommendation: R19

- **Official number:** 19
- **Title (tracker):** Diverse Skills Base
- **Title (official / commitments):** Build a broad and more diverse skills base.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Spärck AI Scholarships (June 2025) have a specific design focus to support diversity in the sector, targeting underrepresented groups in STEM.³⁰ Additionally, the Blueprint for Modern Digital Government focuses on building digital capability across the entire civil service, broadening the base beyond technical specialists.²¹
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁰ – *Spärck AI Scholarships*: Diversity focus.
 - ²¹ – *Blueprint*: Civil service capability building.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
On track.

Recommendation: R20

- **Official number:** 20
- **Title (tracker):** Prestige Scholarships
- **Title (official / commitments):** Strengthen prestige scholarship and fellowship programmes.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.

- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
This recommendation is Completed via the dual launch of the Spärck AI Scholarships (Master's level) and the expansion of the Turing AI Fellowships (Researcher level) in mid-2025. The government explicitly stated in press materials that these launches "deliver on recommendations of the AI Opportunities Action Plan".⁴ The funding is committed (£17.2m + £25.2m) and the programmes are live.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴ – *DSIT*: "New fellowship programme... delivers on recommendations."
 - ³³ – *UKRI*: Confirmation of funding and expansion.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Delivered June 2025.

Recommendation: R21

- **Official number:** 21
- **Title (tracker):** Establish AISI
- **Title (official / commitments):** Continue to support the AI Safety Institute (AISI).
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The AISI remains a cornerstone of the UK's strategy. In July 2025, the Compute Roadmap confirmed "dedicated access" for the AISI to new supercomputing resources, ensuring it has the compute power to test frontier models.¹ In late 2025, the AISI is actively running "systemic AI safety fast grants".¹⁷ The partnership with OpenAI (signed July 2025) explicitly involves the AISI in joint safety research.¹¹
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹ – *Compute Roadmap*: Resource allocation to AISI.
 - ¹¹ – *OpenAI MoU*: AISI collaboration on safety.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Continuous and robust.

Recommendation: R22

- **Official number:** 22
- **Title (tracker):** Expand Turing Fellowships
- **Title (official / commitments):** Expand the Turing AI Fellowships offer.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track

- **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
Formal completion was achieved in Summer 2025 with the announcement of the Turing Pioneer Fellowships. Applications were set to open mid-July 2025, backed by £25.2m in new funding.⁴ This specific expansion fulfills the literal text of the recommendation.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴ – *DSIT*: "Expanded Turing Pioneer Fellowship delivers on recommendations..."
 - ³⁴ – *Newcastle University*: Confirmation of fellowship details.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Actioned June/July 2025.

Recommendation: R23

- **Official number:** 23
- **Title (tracker):** Non-Academic AI Routes
- **Title (official / commitments):** The government should encourage non-academic routes to AI.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
The work of Skills England and the National Skills Drive (June 2025) places a heavy emphasis on vocational training and "upskilling" the existing workforce, distinct from the academic scholarship tracks. The Industrial Strategy's focus on integrating AI skills into manufacturing and services (via Sector Champions) further supports non-academic adoption paths.²⁸
- **Key_sources:**
 - ²⁸ – *National Skills Drive*: Vocational focus.
 - ¹¹ – *Nvidia MoU*: Workforce upskilling.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Ongoing.

Recommendation: R24

- **Official number:** 24
- **Title (tracker):** TDM Copyright Reform
- **Title (official / commitments):** Reform the UK text and data mining regime so that it is at least as competitive as the EU.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Delayed
- **Recommended_status_now:** Delayed

- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
This recommendation is critically stalled. The ambition to make the UK "as competitive as the EU" (which has a broad TDM exception) has failed to materialize in 2025. The government's consultation on AI and Copyright resulted in a stalemate, with late 2025 reports confirming the government "will not be proceeding with the policy proposed by the IPO" (a broad exception) due to intense backlash from the creative industries.⁵ Legal uncertainty has deepened following High Court rulings (e.g., Stability AI) in late 2025.⁶
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁵ – *Lords Library*: Confirms IPO TDM proposal is scrapped.
 - ⁶ – *Hogan Lovells*: Analysis of restrictive High Court rulings.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Missed. The legislative reform has been shelved in favor of a "working group" approach that has yet to yield a solution.

Recommendation: R25

- **Official number:** 25
- **Title (tracker):** Fund Regulator Capabilities
- **Title (official / commitments):** Commit to funding regulators to scale up their AI capabilities.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Partially
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Regulatory Innovation Office (RIO), established late 2024, published its "One Year On" report in October 2025, referencing an "AI Capability Fund" to support regulators.³⁵ However, the report describes the process as "iterative," and the funding appears to be project-based rather than a systemic uplift for all regulators. This represents partial delivery: the mechanism exists, but the scale of funding relative to the "urgent addressing" needed is not fully confirmed.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁵ – *RIO Report*: References "AI Capability Fund."
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Ongoing; linked to Spending Review 2025.

Recommendation: R26

- **Official number:** 26
- **Title (tracker):** Sponsor Dept Guidance
- **Title (official / commitments):** Ensure all sponsor departments include a focus on enabling safe AI innovation in their strategic guidance to regulators.

- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The RIO's "One Year On" report (Oct 2025) explicitly states that the office is working with sponsor departments to "embed a pro-innovation regulatory system".³⁵ This aligns with the "Growth Duty" for regulators, which was strengthened in late 2025 to prioritize economic growth alongside safety.³⁶ The strategic guidance letters are reflecting this shift.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁵ – *RIO Report*: Strategic alignment with sponsor departments.
 - ³⁶ – *Re-State*: Analysis of strengthened Growth Duty.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
On track.

Recommendation: R27

- **Official number:** 27
- **Title (tracker):** Regulatory Sandboxes
- **Title (official / commitments):** Encourage AI regulatory sandboxes [and] implement pro-innovation initiatives.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
In October 2025, DSIT launched a consultation on a UK AI Growth Lab, explicitly described as a "cross-economy sandbox" to safely test AI innovations.³⁷ This is a direct implementation of the recommendation. Additionally, the RIO report highlights sandbox initiatives in priority sectors like healthcare and engineering biology.³⁵
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁷ – *DSIT Consultation*: Proposal for "UK AI Growth Lab" sandbox.
 - ³⁵ – *RIO Report*: Sector-specific sandbox updates.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Delivered (Consultation phase Oct 2025).

Recommendation: R28

- **Official number:** 28
- **Title (tracker):** Regulator Annual Reports
- **Title (official / commitments):** Require all regulators to publish annually how they have enabled innovation and growth driven by AI.

- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
In late 2025, the government introduced a "public dashboard to allow businesses to review the performance of regulators" alongside the strengthened Growth Duty.³⁶ This dashboard mechanism serves the same transparency function as the requested "Annual Report," enforcing accountability for innovation enablement.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁶ – *Re-State*: Announcement of regulator performance dashboard.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
On track.

Recommendation: R29

- **Official number:** 29
- **Title (tracker):** AI Assurance Ecosystem
- **Title (official / commitments):** Support the AI assurance ecosystem [via] AISI's systemic AI safety fast grants [and] new assurance tools.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The AISI is actively funding "systemic AI safety fast grants" (confirmed in Government Response and ongoing work). Furthermore, the AI Management Essentials tool was delivered in 2025 to support SMEs with governance and assurance.³⁸ The RIO's work to "stimulate the AI Assurance ecosystem" ¹⁷ further supports this.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁸ – *Parliament*: Delivery of "AI management essentials tool."
 - ¹⁷ – *Government Response*: Confirmation of safety grant funding.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
On track.

Recommendation: R30

- **Official number:** 30
- **Title (tracker):** Turing Institute Role
- **Title (official / commitments):** Consider the broader institutional landscape and the potential of the Alan Turing Institute.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track

- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
 - **Status_change_recommended:** No
 - **Evidence_summary:**
The massive expansion of the Turing Fellowships (R20/R22) reinforces the Institute's central role in the national strategy. The government's continued funding and reliance on the Turing Institute for the AI for Science Strategy (Nov 2025) confirms its position is being actively "considered" and strengthened.³³
 - **Key_sources:**
 - ³³ – *UKRI*: Expansion of Turing-led programmes.
 - **Timeline_alignment:**
Continuous.
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Section 2: Change Lives by Embracing AI

This section evaluates the government's efforts to drive AI adoption across the public sector and the wider economy. The establishment of the **Digital Centre for Government** has been the primary structural delivery mechanism.

Recommendation: R31

- **Official number:** 31
- **Title (tracker):** Mission AI Leads
- **Title (official / commitments):** Appoint an AI lead for each mission to help identify where AI could be a solution.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** Partially
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Blueprint for Modern Digital Government (Jan 2025, updated mid-2025) consolidated digital leadership into the Digital Centre for Government (within DSIT). While distinct individuals with the title "Mission AI Lead" are not prominently featured in press releases, the function of AI leadership has been centralized in the Digital Centre to work with mission leads.³⁹ This represents a structural delivery of the recommendation's intent, if not its exact form.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁹ – *techUK*: Analysis of Digital Centre for Government structure.
 - ²¹ – *Blueprint*: Outline of AI adoption governance.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Structural changes implemented early-to-mid 2025.

Recommendation: R32

- **Official number:** 32
- **Title (tracker):** Cross-Gov Horizon Scanning
- **Title (official / commitments):** A cross-government, technical horizon scanning and market intelligence capability.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**

The Incubator for AI (i.AI) and the Regulatory Innovation Office (RIO) share this capability. The RIO's remit explicitly includes "identifying relevant regulations" and scanning for new technologies.³⁵ The AI Knowledge Hub 25 also acts as a repository for this market intelligence, sharing "use cases" and "guidance" across government.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁵ – *RIO Report*: Horizon scanning function.
 - ⁴⁰ – *i.AI*: "Scanning" listed as a core activity.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Operational.

Recommendation: R33

- **Official number:** 33
- **Title (tracker):** AI Vendor Partnerships
- **Title (official / commitments):** Two-way partnerships with AI vendors and startups to anticipate future AI developments.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**

This recommendation has been emphatically delivered through a series of high-profile Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed in 2025. These include agreements with Anthropic (Feb), Nvidia (June), Cohere (June), and OpenAI (July).¹¹ These partnerships are explicitly designed to "anticipate future AI developments" and "upskill the UK workforce," matching the recommendation text.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹¹ – *Gov.uk*: List of strategic MoUs with frontier AI firms.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Delivered Q1-Q3 2025.

Recommendation: R34

- **Official number:** 34
- **Title (tracker):** Sourcing Framework (Build/Buy)
- **Title (official / commitments):** Consistent use of a framework for how to source AI - whether to build in-house, buy, or run innovation challenges.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** Not Started
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**

The Blueprint for Modern Digital Government outlines the strategy for "Fund for outcomes, procure for growth".²¹ It explicitly mentions extending the Digital Centre's work on technology procurement to provide consistency. The AI Knowledge Hub ²⁵ also provides guidance on "how to introduce AI safely," which inherently includes sourcing decisions.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ²¹ – *Blueprint*: Procurement strategy.
 - ²⁵ – *AI Knowledge Hub*: Guidance repository.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Summer 2025 (Blueprint/Hub timing).

Recommendation: R35

- **Official number:** 35
- **Title (tracker):** Procurement Reform
- **Title (official / commitments):** Procurement reform to allow for faster, more flexible AI acquisition.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**

The Regulatory Innovation Office (RIO) announced a "slashing red tape" initiative in October 2025 to "fast-track ground-breaking innovations".⁴¹ The Blueprint also promises to "make it easier to do business with the public sector" by reducing complexity.³⁹ This ongoing reform work targets the friction points identified in the Action Plan.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴¹ – *DSIT Press Release*: "Slashing red tape" initiative.
 - ³⁹ – *techUK*: Analysis of Blueprint procurement reforms.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Ongoing.

Recommendation: R36

- **Official number:** 36
- **Title (tracker):** AI Knowledge Hub
- **Title (official / commitments):** Create an 'AI Knowledge Hub' to share learnings and use cases.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**

The AI Knowledge Hub was officially launched in June 2025.²⁴ It functions as a "living repository" with a "Use Case Library" and "Guidance Section," specifically created to fulfill this Action Plan commitment.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ²⁴ – *i.AI Blog*: Launch announcement of the AI Knowledge Hub.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Delivered Summer 2025.

Recommendation: R37

- **Official number:** 37
- **Title (tracker):** Quick Win Pilots
- **Title (official / commitments):** Identify early 'quick win' opportunities [for AI adoption].
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**

The Incubator for AI (i.AI) has delivered on this by scaling specific tools like Redbox (document summarization), Consult (consultation analysis), and Extract (planning data).⁴⁰ These are the definition of "quick win" pilots. The RIO also announced "16 projects to cut through red tape" in October 2025 ⁴¹, further expanding the portfolio of pilots.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴⁰ – *i.AI*: Featured projects list.
 - ⁴¹ – *RIO*: Announcement of 16 pilot projects.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Continuous delivery.

Recommendation: R38

- **Official number:** 38

- **Title (tracker):** Public Sector Data Infrastructure
- **Title (official / commitments):** Build public sector data collection infrastructure.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Blueprint for Modern Digital Government 21 explicitly prioritizes "Strengthen and extend our digital and data public infrastructure." The expansion of the National Data Library (R07) and the £2bn infrastructure investment (Compute Roadmap) provide the physical and digital backbone for this capability.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ²¹ – *Blueprint*: Infrastructure priority.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Long-term project, currently on track.

Recommendation: R39

- **Official number:** 39
- **Title (tracker):** Digital Centre of Government
- **Title (official / commitments):** Establish a new "digital centre of government" within DSIT.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Digital Centre for Government was formally operationalized in early 2025, bringing together the Government Digital Service (GDS), the Central Digital and Data Office (CDDO), and i.AI under DSIT.³⁹ This structural consolidation is complete and is the entity responsible for the Blueprint and the AI Knowledge Hub.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁹ – *techUK*: Confirmation of Digital Centre launch.
 - ⁴² – *GDS*: Organizational structure update.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Completed early 2025.

Recommendation: R40

- **Official number:** 40
- **Title (tracker):** CMA Market Review (Frontier)
- **Title (official / commitments):** CMA should identify abuses of market dominance [in frontier AI].

- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has remained active throughout 2025, applying its "AI Principles" to scrutinize partnerships in the frontier AI market (e.g., Microsoft/OpenAI "hiring" structures).⁴³ The Government Response affirmed the CMA's role, and the regulator continues to monitor for anti-competitive behavior.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴³ – *OpenLoop*: Report on CMA AI Principles and market competition.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Ongoing regulatory function.

Recommendation: R41

- **Official number:** 41
- **Title (tracker):** CMA & Open Markets
- **Title (official / commitments):** The CMA should identify abuses of market dominance... [and promote open competition].
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
(Linked to R40) The CMA's ongoing work to ensure the AI ecosystem remains open and competitive is visible in its strategic updates and scrutiny of "partnerships" that might act as mergers.⁴⁴
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴⁴ – *Government Response*: CMA mandate.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Ongoing.

Recommendation: R42

- **Official number:** 42
- **Title (tracker):** Regulatory Balance (Privacy vs Benefits)
- **Title (official / commitments):** Regulators and deployers should ensure that the right balance is maintained between the protection of privacy and pursuing the potential benefits of AI.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No

- Evidence_summary:
The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) launched its "AI & Biometrics Strategy" in 2025⁴⁵, which focuses on enabling innovation (e.g., in recruitment) whilst protecting rights. The Regulatory Innovation Office (RIO) also works to ensure this balance is "pro-innovation," as evidenced by its work on healthcare AI sandboxes.³⁵
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴⁵ – *KS Law*: ICO Strategy launch.
 - ³⁵ – *RIO Report*: Balancing regulation and innovation.
- Timeline_alignment:
On track.

Recommendation: R43

- **Official number:** 43
- **Title (tracker):** Sectoral Guidance on Privacy
- **Title (official / commitments):** Sectoral regulators should publish detailed guidance to help deployers of AI strike the balance between privacy and benefits.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- Evidence_summary:
Sector regulators are delivering this guidance. The RIO's "One Year On" report cites progress in priority sectors like healthcare (MHRA) and transport (CAA for drones), where guidance is being updated to facilitate AI adoption.³⁵
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁵ – *RIO Report*: Sectoral guidance updates.
- Timeline_alignment:
On track.

Recommendation: R44

- **Official number:** 44
- **Title (tracker):** Enable Public/Private Reinforcement
- **Title (official / commitments):** Enable public and private sectors to reinforce each other.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- Evidence_summary:
This broad recommendation is being delivered through structural partnerships. The AI Growth Zones are a prime example: public planning support leverages private capital investment.¹² The Sovereign AI Unit invests public funds into private "Champions".⁴⁶ The

Connections Accelerator Service aligns public grid infrastructure with private data centre needs.

- **Key_sources:**
 - ¹² – *AIGZ*: Public support for private infrastructure.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
Continuous.

Recommendation: R45

- **Official number:** 45
- **Title (tracker):** Address Adoption Barriers
- **Title (official / commitments):** Address private-sector-user-adoption barriers.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The appointment of AI Sector Champions (R48) in November 2025 is the primary vehicle for addressing sector-specific barriers. Additionally, the AI Management Essentials tool 38 specifically targets SMEs to lower the governance barrier to entry.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³⁸ – *Parliament*: AI Management Essentials tool.
 - ⁴⁷ – *Budget*: Sector Champions appointed.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
On track.

Recommendation: R46

- **Official number:** 46
- **Title (tracker):** Public Sector as First Customer
- **Title (official / commitments):** Government should act as a "first customer" for promising UK start-ups.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The Sovereign AI Unit launch announcements 46 explicitly state: "The government will act as a 'first customer' for promising UK start-ups who are building high-quality AI hardware products." This policy is now codified.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴⁶ – *Gov.uk*: "First customer" pledge.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Policy adopted mid-2025.

Section 3: Secure Our Future with Home-Grown AI

This section focuses on the government's industrial strategy to build sovereign capability.

Recommendation: R47

- **Official number:** 47
- **Title (tracker):** Leverage Industrial Strategy
- **Title (official / commitments):** Leverage the new Industrial Strategy [to] drive collective action to support AI adoption.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**

The Industrial Strategy (published/updated late 2025) integrates AI as a core component. The appointment of Sector Champions 47 was done "across industrial strategy sectors," explicitly linking AI adoption to the broader industrial plan.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴⁷ – *Budget*: Industrial Strategy link to AI.
- **Timeline_alignment:**

Aligned.

Recommendation: R48

- **Official number:** 48
- **Title (tracker):** Appoint AI Sector Champions
- **Title (official / commitments):** Appoint AI Sector Champions in key industries like the life sciences, financial services and the creative industries.
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
- **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
- **Evidence_summary:**

Delivered. In November 2025, the government formally announced the appointment of AI Sector Champions: Shaheen Sayed (Professional Business Services), Chris Dungey (Advanced Manufacturing), and Lucy Yu (Clean Energy).⁴⁷ Additionally, Tom Blomfield was appointed as an AI ambassador for SMEs.⁴⁸
- **Key_sources:**
 - ⁴⁷ – *Gov.uk/SME Web*: Official appointments of Champions.

- **Timeline_alignment:**
Target was "Summer 2025." Delivered Nov 2025. Slightly late but "Completed."

Recommendation: R49

- **Official number:** 49
- **Title (tracker):** Regional AI Adoption
- **Title (official / commitments):** Drive AI adoption across the whole country [via Local Growth Plans].
- **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
- **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
- **Recommended_status_now:** On Track
- **Status_change_recommended:** No
- **Evidence_summary:**
The AI Growth Zones (AIGZs) are the primary delivery mechanism here, with designations in North East England, North Wales, and South Wales.³ These zones are tied to "Local Growth Plans" and include funding for local skills and infrastructure, ensuring adoption is distributed beyond London.
- **Key_sources:**
 - ³ – *Gov.uk*: Regional AIGZ announcements.
- **Timeline_alignment:**
"Initially Summer 2025, then continuous." Delivery aligned.

Recommendation: R50

- **Official number:** 50
 - **Title (tracker):** Sovereign AI Unit
 - **Title (official / commitments):** Create a UK Sovereign AI Unit.
 - **Mapping_ok:** Yes.
 - **Current_status_tracker:** On Track
 - **Recommended_status_now:** Completed
 - **Status_change_recommended:** Yes
 - **Evidence_summary:**
The Sovereign AI Unit was officially launched in July 2025, chaired by James Wise and backed by "almost £500 million in investment".⁴⁶ It has a clear remit to invest in UK companies and build national assets. This recommendation is fully discharged.
 - **Key_sources:**
 - ¹¹ – *Gov.uk*: Launch of Sovereign AI Unit.
 - **Timeline_alignment:**
Delivered Summer 2025.
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Summary of Changes & Strategic Analysis

Status Aggregation

- **Total Recommendations:** 50
- **Completed:** 9 (R01, R15, R20, R22, R33, R36, R39, R48, R50)
- **On Track:** 31 (Infrastructure, Regulation, Adoption)
- **Delayed:** 2 (R13, R24 – Copyright/Data)
- **Partially:** 6 (R07, R08, R10, R11, R17, R25, R31)
- **Status Uncertain:** 2 (R09, R12)

Strategic Disagreements with Baseline

1. **Infrastructure is "Done," not just "On Track":** The publication of the *Compute Roadmap* (R01) and the launch of the *Sovereign AI Unit* (R50) are not merely progressing; they are delivered milestones. These have been moved to **Completed** to reflect the finality of the policy release.
2. **Copyright is the Critical Failure Point:** While infrastructure has surged ahead, the "Copyright-cleared British media asset dataset" (R13) and "TDM Reform" (R24) are effectively stalled. The legal complexity and industry pushback have halted the "rapid" progress envisioned. These are flagged as **Delayed**, identifying the key bottleneck in the strategy.
3. **Talent Delivery:** The launch of named, funded programmes like **Spärck AI Scholarships** allows us to mark talent recommendations (R15, R20, R22) as **Completed**, demonstrating the government's ability to execute quickly on non-contentious spending commitments.

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