UKCCIS Working Group Education

Aim of the UKCISS Education Working Group

The UKCCIS Education working group brings together organisations working on online safety in education with leading roles in policy, standards, training or provision of resources.

The group focuses on how education settings in the UK are responding to the challenges of keeping their pupils safe online and the role that UKCCIS can play in supporting them.

The group will support the UKCCIS Board by:

- Identifying challenges faced by education settings across policy implementation, standards, training and delivery of resources
- Undertaking projects to support education settings to address gaps or weakness in their online safety practice
- Providing UKCCIS with quarterly updates on upcoming education work in the field

What will the group do?

The group will undertake a mapping exercise in order to produce a brief 'state of the nation' report, outlining the current internet safety landscape in schools and other education settings (to include PRUs and special schools but excluding youth work services and settings). This will include:

- National policy landscape both statutory and advisory
- Local policy examples of best practice at an authority and school level
- Standards Ofsted and any other mechanisms for setting standards
- Training for teachers, including ITT and the role of teaching schools

Gaps and challenges identified in this report will steer future projects for the group.

Background

The Education & Awareness Workstream was originally set up in October 2010 with two main aims:

- promoting the Click Clever, Click Safe campaign through engagement with key communication channel providers
- co-ordinating content for, and increasing awareness of, the 'One Stop Shop'.

In 2011 the focus of the group shifted from the 'One Stop Shop' and the Click Clever campaign to the 'One Stop Approach'.

The 'One Stop Approach' was a project to promote the use of agreed common messaging about internet safety issues by service providers. This project produced the guidance document 'UKCCIS Child Internet Safety Advice 1.0' which was launched in February 2012.

Since the production of 'UKCCIS Child Internet Safety Advice 1.0' the group met around four times a year. In 2012 work took place to monitor take up of the Advice by different providers.

In 2013 the group re-stated its aims as follows:

To increase skills, knowledge and understanding of parents, carers, children and young people through:

- co-ordination of education and awareness campaigns and activity
- developing and role modelling best practice in online safety education and awareness
- championing online safety education and awareness within member organisations and across the value chain
- appropriate signposting of specialist online safety information and reporting

In 2013 meetings focused on sharing current activity and campaigns from the group's members.

A review was undertaken in 2014 which concluded that whilst there was significant support from members for continuing the work of the group, it needed tangible projects for them to be involved in.

Following this review it was proposed to the Executive Board that the group's previous focus on 'Education' and 'Awareness' was too broad. It was agreed that the group should focus on 'education' activity – defined as activity involving schools and other education settings. This terms of reference sets out suggested parameters of this newly constituted group.

Stakeholder membership

CEOP

Childnet

UK Safer Internet Centre

Department for Education

The ParentZone

NSPCC

PSHE Association

NEN

Kent County Council

Ofsted - TBC

Ofcom – to link into industry and the social media working group

Frequency of meetings: every two months

Chaired by: Jonathan Baggaley – Head of Education CEOP