

UKCCIS Executive Board Meeting Minutes
14:30 – 16:30, 18 October 2016
Department for Culture Media and Sport
100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ
Chair: Sarah Newton MP

Attendees

Sarah Newton MP	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Vulnerability, Safeguarding and Countering Extremism (Home Office)
Edward Timpson MP	Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families (Department for Education)
Baroness Joanna Shields	Minister for Internet Safety and Security (Home Office/Department for Culture Media Sport)
Sam Sharps	Apple
Rose Durban	Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS)
Catherine McAllister	BBC
David Austin	British Board of Film Classification
Keith Niven	The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
Will Gardner	Childnet International
John Carr	Children's Charities' Coalition on Internet Safety (CHIS)
Tessy Ojo	The Diana Award
Rishi Saha	Facebook
Katie O'Donovan	Google
Carolyn Bunting	Internet Matters
Susie Hargreaves	IWF
Prof. Sonia Livingstone	London School of Economics (LSE)
Hamish MacLeod	MobileUK
Julia Fossi	NSPCC
Tony Close	Ofcom
Vicki Shotbolt	ParentZone
Donald Henderson	Scottish Government
Dr. Richard Graham	Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust
Kira O'Connor	Twitter
Jo Twist	UK Interactive Entertainment (UKIE)
Daniel Butler	Virgin Media
Ruth Meadows	Welsh Assembly

Apologies to those unable to join via Conference Call

Tim Morgan for Garreth Cameron	Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)
Annie Mullins	Independent

Apologies received from

Simon Bailey

NPCC

Eilis McDaniel

NI Executive

Matthew Gould

Director General for Digital and Media,
DCMS

Other attendees

Sarah Connolly, Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS); Jason Morris (Private Secretary), Frances Lloyd (Assistant Private Secretary); Bradley Finn (Assistant Private Secretary) Susie Green, Silvia Fukuoka, Samantha Kelly, Alex Brammer (UKCCIS Secretariat); Dan Murray (Home Office); Michael Bell, Juned Ali (DfE)

Item 1. Welcome to all members, apologies, and declaring interests (Sarah Newton MP, Chair)

1. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Members. She introduced herself as the new Minister in the Home Office for Vulnerability, Safeguarding and Countering Extremism, with a portfolio covering child sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, violence and counter-extremism.
2. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and expressed her desire to listen and learn from Members' experience.
3. The Chair welcomed Sarah Connolly, Deputy Director for Internet and International at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), gave apologies from Members who could not attend, welcomed substitutions and those joining by conference call.
4. Susie Green (UKCCIS Secretariat) read the action points for the previous meeting which have been completed.

Item 2. Recent developments in child internet safety (Sarah Newton MP, Chair)

5. Sarah Connolly introduced herself, as the DCMS Senior Lead for Exiting the European Union in the Europe, Data, Digital and Security Directorate.
6. Sam Sharps (Apple) asked if the Government was considering new work on age controls and the internet. Sarah Connolly clarified that while this might be relevant in future, it was not being considered as part of the current age verification efforts.
7. Sarah Connolly gave an update on recent developments on child internet safety: the Digital Economy Bill was currently passing through Parliament and that it contained important provisions to protect minors from accessing commercial pornography online. She said Government had submitted written evidence to the Lords Select Committee Inquiry on Children and the internet, and that Ministers would be providing oral evidence in November.
8. Sarah Connolly said that DCMS was keen to engage with stakeholders across all sectors as we exit the European Union. She explained that two new Departments were dealing with this work centrally to negotiate the exit and assess how EU law currently affected the UK: the Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU), and the Department for International Trade (DIT).
9. Sarah Connolly also said she was aware of Executive Board Members' concerns. She said the Chancellor of the Exchequer had made two announcements to confirm that funding would continue after the UK leaves

the EU as long as it met the criteria of value for money and was in line with domestic strategic priorities.

10. Sarah Connolly also reassured the Board that the full machinery of government is behind getting the best deal from the withdrawal from the European Union. While future negotiations are difficult to predict, DCMS wants to continue to be a leader on child internet safety and this is an opportunity to set the agenda internationally.
11. Sarah Connolly said the Government would continue to engage in EU discussions for as long as the UK remained a member and that any changes to this may become clearer in the next six months.
12. John Carr said that if Parliament did not legislate soon, Article 8 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) would apply: i.e. 16 years old would be the default age for which parental consent would be required by information society services.
13. Sarah Connolly said that Government would work to the current timetable while the European data regime was in place. Baroness Shields suggested the next meeting include the GDPR as an agenda item.
14. Professor Livingstone said the Board should have a view on GDPR. She asked what would happen if the UK agreed parental consent was necessary for under 16s. She inquired into the process of decision making, urging that this should be evidence-based and include consultation with children.
15. Professor Livingstone and other members expressed concerns about the funding of research after leaving the EU.
16. Baroness Shields thanked Board Members for their collaboration and said they had been the first interest group to have raised their concerns with the Government. She said that UKCCIS co-Chairs would advocate on behalf of the Board.

Actions

- Board Members to advise Sarah Connolly if they have suggestions for ways to strengthen the UK's international leadership on child internet safety.
- Sarah Connolly will consult with Treasury regarding current research funding.

Item 4. Updates from UKCCIS Working Groups (Edward Timpson, MP)

17. Minister Sarah Newton handed over the Chair to Minister Edward Timpson.
18. Edward Timpson said five Working Groups were in place following restructuring, which gave a renewed focus on current CIS issues. He encouraged all Working Groups to work toward very clear outputs and timelines.

Updates

- 18.1. **Digital Resilience Working Group:** Vicki Shotbolt (ParentZone) and Dr. Richard Graham (The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust), co-Chairs of the Working Group, said the Terms of Reference had been agreed by its members. Vicki Shotbolt said the Working Group had a significant task ahead and that it was focusing on a 'digital resilience' definition and scoping out its work. Dr. Graham said that a definition and a set of quality metrics would identify what was offered and understood as digital resilience. He said such a benchmark would help measure future developments, and ascertain links between online and offline, and give context to the work. The co-Chairs said there was a lot of enthusiasm among Members for this work.
- 18.2. Edward Timpson flagged the need to set clear milestones and goals, so as not to lose focus.
- 18.3. The Working Group will conclude its scoping exercise by January and looked to complete its work in twelve months.
- 18.4. **Technical Working Group:** Susie Hargreaves (IWF) gave an update of the Technical Working Group, which is chaired by the IWF's Technical Director, Fred Langford. The Group has decided that it prefers to act and operate independently of Government and is reflected in its agreed Terms of Reference.
- 18.5. The Technical Working Group will provide a focal point and centre of excellence within UKCCIS for technical issues as they relate to online child safety. The Group will invite experts to consider topical issues such as Smart TV or the impact of filtering, for example. Gaming (including apps, artificial intelligence, virtual reality and augmented reality) is also another area of interest. Tony Close (Ofcom) said Ofcom also wanted to contribute.
- 18.6. Edward Timpson noted that the Working Group should be contributing to act as an early warning system.
- 18.7. **Education Working Group:** Keith Niven (CEOP) gave an update on behalf of the Education Working Group's new Chair, Marie Smith. He noted two recent achievements: a guide with five key areas on online safety for Governing Boards (*Online safety in schools and colleges: Questions from the Governing Board*) and Sexting guidance for schools (*Sexting in Schools and Colleges*) - both available on the UKCCIS page of the gov.uk [website](#). The Sexting guidance will be

re-launched when new guidance is finalised on sexting for police officers.

- 18.8. Will Gardner (Childnet International) said schools using the guidance said it was valuable and useful. Donald Henderson (Scottish Government) said the guide applied to Scotland, and Ruth Meadows (Welsh Assembly) said it was being adapted for Wales and would be ready by the end of this year. Ruth Meadows said Wales had launched a digital competencies framework around four themes and that they were interested in sharing this with CEOP.
- 18.9. Edward Timpson said that the Board was at its best when it fostered these kinds of discussions and partnerships. He said that the Education Working Group had a good focus, and that it was impressive that it had produced these guides, with the number of participants involved giving it credibility; the next task is to raise awareness.
- 18.10. Members mentioned a forthcoming event on child internet safety and suggested the Board nominate a representative. Members discussed that UKCCIS should consider a range of events where Board Members could represent it. Jo Twist (UKIE) said the June London Tech Week would be a good opportunity. Tessy Ojo (Diana Award) suggested the Diana Awards' Anti-bullying week activities. Tony Close said the Social Media Working Group could share their intelligence on relevant events.
- 18.11. **Social Media Working Group:** Tony Close (Ofcom) said they were working intensively on the outreach phase of the guide, trying to reach new audiences. He said there had been an enormous effort by many people around the table through training events and use of existing networks, a Tech UK event, interactive session for start-ups and new players run by Superawesome. Ofcom had presented the guide to European regulators and also created a video.
- 18.12. Tony Close said the first phase of the Working Group was coming to a natural close, and that its members would decide its future at the end of the year.
- 18.13. **Evidence Working Group:** Professor Livingstone gave an update as Evidence Working Group Champion. She said it brought around 15 researchers and organisations and met quarterly. The Group creates two page summaries of research and there are 100 summaries available on the Safer Internet Centre [website](#).
- 18.14. Professor Livingstone said several research projects received EU funding, including a project looking at typologies of vulnerable adolescents and different kinds of risks; research to understand the pathways into youth financial cyber-crime (including hacking), radicalization and the funding of WeProtect Global Alliance, which

created new knowledge such as the Global Kids Online tool-kit launched two weeks ago by UNICEF.

- 18.15. Professor Livingstone said the Group had made more tools available for ethical high quality research. She said the Group also tried to identify gaps in knowledge, such as on online radicalisation and hate speech. She said there was not enough focus on self-harm issues, pro-anorexia or gaming and that there should be more evidence to understand mental health problems among young people. She said the Group was trying to bring evidence to policy-making debates. For example, it recently hosted an event on GDPR to identify issues and identify the evidence available.
- 18.16. Professor Livingstone said the Digital Economy Bill might not be enough to restrict children's exposure from adult pornography online. She said they would be organising a conference in the spring.
- 18.17. Edward Timpson said it was important to institute findings into practice and that research was constantly trying to catch up on news stories that did not give a real sense of what was happening. He said it was helpful to bring this work together.
- 18.18. Professor Livingstone said this was the motivation to create guidance on good research and that the public's research literacy had to be raised. This research had showed good interaction.
- 18.19. Edward Timpson said that the internet had a huge positive impact on children with disabilities, for example on ways to communicate through eye movement technology. He said we should also promote the positive aspects of the internet.

Actions

- Executive Board members to agree the Terms of Reference for the Digital Resilience Group.
- Executive Board members to agree the Terms of Reference for the Technology Working Group.
- January Board meeting to review the purpose and aims of the Social Media Working Group.
- For Board Members to champion research to give context to child internet safety issues.
- Executive Board Members to suggest events where UKCCIS can be represented. UKCCIS Secretariat to compile this information.

19. Susie Green said the role of Associate Membership was being considered so that Associate Members could feel more engaged with UKCCIS and for the Executive Board to also tap into their resources and expertise. She asked for

views on how to achieve that. One suggestion had been an annual event, and she thanked those who had already offered to help.

20. Susie Hargreaves asked if the membership of Working Groups could be shared. (This is available under each Working Group's Terms of Reference on the UKCCIS website).
21. It was confirmed that experts could join working groups for short periods of time if they had the relevant experience and the Chair agreed.
22. John Carr said that there may be opportunities to create an annual event with a conference company, CIS, organising it. Teachers, social workers and others might join the event.
23. Rose Durban asked if Working Groups could reach out to the Board before meetings to see if others might want to participate. Edward Timpson suggested there might be an opportunity to create an alternative forum to the Executive Board to allow for this. A regular meeting of Working Group Chairs is being considered to enable more effective joining-up of the Groups.
24. Members suggested that the Executive Board could be represented at other spaces. For example by raising awareness of child internet safety issues among tech or legal sectors.
25. Tessy Ojo (The Diana Award) said she would like to invite Board members to Anti-bullying Week, celebrated in North and South England. She also said this event could be a good opportunity to host a UKCCIS annual event as it also attracted 300 teachers and children.
26. The Board approved Associate Membership applications received from Kidscast TV, Safeguarding Today, and Tootoot.
27. Members asked about the new Prime Minister's commitment to child internet safety issues. The Chair said that the PM led a huge amount of work in the areas discussed today, in particular child sexual abuse, during her time at the Home Office. The Chair said the current Home Secretary, in her first speech, also spoke about vulnerable people in society.
28. Baroness Shields reiterated that the Prime Minister's commitment to the UK's global leadership on child internet safety, including child sexual exploitation, remained strong. She also said that European law enforcement co-operation (e.g. on child sexual abuse, investigations or online radicalisation) would remain.
29. Edward Timpson said the Prime Minister was committed to action, an example of which is the Modern Slavery Bill. He also said that UKCCIS will remain an agent of change. He said that leaving the European Union would make things more challenging, but that the work done so far to influence partners had not been lost. He said that the three Ministers were committed for UKCCIS to continue efforts to build on what it has achieved already.

30. Baroness Shields said that the Board needed to think about the new world, and what this meant for the agenda of this group. There were opportunities to define the future more proactively and also to identify the gaps.

Actions

- Executive Board members to send suggestions on how to better engage Associate Members.
- UKCCIS Secretariat to share the full Associate Membership list with the Board (also available on the UKCCIS website). Secretariat to consider opportunities for Board members to participate in Working Group outputs.