UKCCIS
Digital Resilience Group

Terms of Reference
October 2016

Background

It was agreed at the June UKCCIS meeting to set up a Digital Resilience Working Group. This follows a meeting of UKCCIS experts in May, where it was agreed that there was a need to:

• be clear about what we mean by digital resilience;
• understand what helps a child build digital resilience online (and offline);
• identify gaps in evidence;
• map existing initiatives, resources and programmes;
• hear the voice of children and young people;
• specify what a digital resilience programme should include and
• identify next steps to delivering a robust national digital resilience programme.

Aim of the group.

To develop and co-ordinate activity on a new digital resilience strategy to enable children and young people as well as their parents, carers and teachers, to have the digital skills and emotional understanding to feel empowered to take action when they encounter problems online.

To do this, the group will undertake the following work programme in three stages:

> **Stage 1** – A mapping exercise to establish gaps in provision of resilience programmes, what information is available to schools, what is available to parents, what existing programmes are run by the public sector, charity and industry and identify the specific need regarding digital resilience for both organisations and audiences. This will include the clinical experience of mental health experts to consider specific child developmental phases and vulnerable groups. The group will identify what is known about the prevalence and impact of online behaviour and content that could be considered harmful to the development of young people and build on the evidence we have on the impact of pornography, and the impact and increasing scale of extremist/terrorist material that targets young people. The mapping will aim to identify the effectiveness of existing ways of tackling this harm and what might help young people recover if exposed to it.

> This stage will include interim findings which will generate some

relevant options/recommendations for delivery over 2017-18.

Stage 2 – Explore and present recommendations and generate options for delivery for a digital resilience strategy to the UKCCIS Executive Board based on the initial scoping exercise in Stage 1 and also propose roles for industry, schools, charities and government, leveraging expertise from around the UKCCIS table for example, whilst recognising good practice and expanding current initiatives. This will also prioritise areas for delivery.

Stage 3 - Produce a draft strategy, setting out a summary of our findings and recommendations for participants, the industry, charities, government and others as relevant for Government consideration.

Timing

The draft Strategy will be completed within 12 months.

Membership

The group will consist of a number of segment stakeholder/expert leads around key topics. Members are:

• Vicki Shotbolt – Co-Chair, Parent Zone

• Richard Graham – Co-Chair, Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust

• Catherine McAllister BBC

• Will Gardner Childnet

• Carolyn Bunting Internet Matters

• Emily Keaney Ofcom

• Annie Mullins Independent

• Tessy Ojo – The Diana Awards

• Julia Fossi – NSPCC

• Professor Sonia Livingstone – LSE

• Leah Buck - CEOP

• Dan Butler – Virgin

• Susie Green – DCMS

- Michael Bell – DfE

- Samaila Sarwar – Home Office

- Kevin Kitching - DH

- Rishi Saha – Facebook

- Jo Twist – UKIE

- Alexandra Evans – BBFC

- Victoria Green – Marie Collins Foundation

- Katie O'Donovan – Google

- Paul Morris – Vodafone
- Nick Pickles - Twitter

Members must declare their interests. Co-chairs will report back to the Executive Board as required.

Given the breadth of issues, additional meeting attendees will be on an invite-only or guest basis.

The group will hold quarterly meetings (commencing October 2016), and the Co-Chairs will provide a verbal and written quarterly report to the UKCCIS Executive Board.