

UK COUNCIL FOR CHILD INTERNET SAFETY

Executive Board meeting minutes

11 July 2018

Committee Room 10, Palace of Westminster

Chair: Margot James, Minister for Digital and Creative Industries

Attendees:

- Margot James MP, Minister for Digital and the Creative Industries, DCMS
- Victoria Atkins MP, Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability and Minister for Women, Home Office
- Nadim Zahawi MP, Minister for Children and Families, Department of Education
- Sarah Connolly, Director for Security and Online Harms, DCMS
- Rebecca Egan, Director for Tackling Slavery and Exploitation, Home Office
- Michael Bell, Online Safety, DfE
- Sam Sharps, Apple
- Rose Durban, The Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS)
- Catherine McAllister, BBC (for Alice Webb)
- Murray Perkins, BBFC (for David Austin)
- Andrew Campling, BT
- Marie Smith, CEOP
- Keith Niven CEOP
- John Carr, Children's Charities' Coalition on Internet Safety (CHIS)
- Katie Wilmore, The Diana Award (for Tessy Ojo)
- Karim Palant, Facebook
- Katie O'Donovan, Google
- Annie Mullins, Independent
- Carolyn Bunting, Internet Matters
- Tony Stower, NSPCC
- Tony Close, Ofcom
- Lucy Smith, Scottish Govt
- Adam Kinsley, Sky
- Laura Higgins, SWGfL (for Will Gardner)
- Vicki Shotbolt, Parentzone
- Tim Scott, UKIE (for Jo Twist)
- Paul Morris, Vodafone, (for Helen Lamprell)
- Ruth Meadows, Welsh Assembly
- Bronagh McCloskey, Talktalk
- Andrew Puddephat, IWF (For Suzi Hargreaves)
- Kelly Walker, DfE

Apologies

- Simon Bailey, NPCC
- Simon Miller, O2/Telefonica
- Nick Pickles, Twitter

- Dr Richard Graham, The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust
- Sonia Livingstone, London School of Economics
- Hamish MacLeod, Mobile UK
- Garreth Cameron, ICO
- Daniel Butler, Virgin Mobile

Item 1 - Welcome and Introductory remarks

1. The Minister for Digital and the Creative Industries (MDCI) welcomed everyone to the final UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) meeting. She confirmed that UKCCIS would be given a wider remit and remodelled as the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS), launching alongside the Internet Safety White Paper, as outlined in the Government response to the Internet Safety Strategy. She emphasised that the new UK Council for Internet Safety would not lose focus on the need to protect children. She expressed her gratitude for all the work that had been put into UKCCIS, and highlighted that she was looking forward to building on this going forward.

Item 2 - Update on Internet Safety Strategy and White paper

2. The Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability introduced the joint Home Office/DCMS programme of work on the Internet Safety White Paper, to be issued by the end of the year. Sarah Connolly (SC) outlined the approach to stakeholder engagement.
3. Board members highlighted the need to ensure that the needs and resource constraints of smaller companies were considered during policy development.

Item 3 - Path to UKCIS

4. MDCI set out how the reform of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety was a central component of the Internet Safety Strategy, and invited SC to introduce the approach to forming the new UK Council for Internet Safety.
5. Applications for membership of the new Board should be submitted over the summer, with the new Board meeting in November. The first Board meeting will offer the opportunity to agree objectives and priority areas for the new Council.
6. Some Board members expressed the need for UKCIS to engage directly with children and young people. Other members voiced concerns about the decision to expand the scope, and highlighted the need for a standing executive group to focus on children's safety.
7. It was raised that the next meeting is in November, which may be too late to feed into the White Paper.

Actions

- **The board secretariat will send out an email to Board members when the application process is launched.**
- **DCMS will consider different ways to include children's voices in UKCIS.**
- **DCMS will explore options for bringing forward the next Board meeting.**

Item 3 - Update on RSE/PSHE

8. Minister for Children and Families gave an update on Relationships and Sex Education and also Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education. He reported that there were 23,000 responses to the call to evidence on RSE/PSHE, demonstrating a need for age-appropriate education on positive, healthy relationships on and offline. The draft guidance that DfE is producing on Relationships and Sex Education will be subject to consultation ([this consultation is now live](#)).
9. Marie Smith (MS) demonstrated the interactive [Education for a Connected World](#) document, which describes the skills and understanding that children and young people should have the opportunity to develop at different ages and stages. Michael Bell said the document is mentioned in the DfE's statutory guidance as a useful resource.
10. MDCI asked whether school governors have any guidance they can use. MS said there is guidance on the [UKCCIS page for governors](#), outlining what best practice looks like and how governors can ensure it is being followed.

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11. MDCI asked the Board to consider the applications for Associate Membership and contact the Secretariat if they wished to raise any objections. There were no objections raised.
12. Government agreed to ensure that devolved nations were involved in the new UKCIS, so that our approach is joined up across the UK.