UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS)
Executive Board Meeting

Convocation Hall, Church House, Westminster SW1P 3NZ
Wednesday 17 July 2019

Attendees:

Mike Ainsworth - Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime
Anthony Walker – TechUK
GCHQ representative - GCHQ
Tony Close – Ofcom
Becky Foreman – Microsoft
Will Gardner – Childnet
Olivia Gleeson - Virgin Media
Susie Hargreaves OBE - Internet Watch Foundation
Rob Jones - NCA/CEOP
Claire Levens - Internet Matters
Anne Longfield - Children's Commissioner
Rosie Luff – Google
Cliff Manning – Parentzone
Rebecca Stimson – Facebook
Tony Stower – NSPCC
Dr Jo Twist, OBE - UKIE
Rachael Wilson - Scottish Government
Steve Wood – ICO
Victoria Atkins MP – Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerabilities, Home Office
Margot James MP - Minister for Digital and Creative Industries, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
Nadhim Zahawi MP - Minister for Children and Families, Department for Education
Rachael Bishop, Deputy Director Online Harms, DCMS
Peter Swift, Deputy Director, Department for Education
Christian Papaleontiou, Head of Tackling Exploitation and Abuse Unit, Home Office

Agenda Item 1 - Welcome and scene setting

- Nadhim Zahawi MP, Minister for Children and Families, welcomed members to the third UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS) Executive Board meeting.

Agenda Item 2 - Update on Teaching Online Safety in School guidance

- The Minister for Children and Families noted the [guidance to support schools in teaching their pupils online safety](#) which the Department for Education published on 30 June.
- The guidance complements the new relationship education curriculum as well as other subjects like citizenship and computing. It sets out the underpinning knowledge and behaviours that will allow children to use the internet effectively and safely.
- The Minister was grateful for the support from the Executive Board during the development of the guidance.

- By September 2020, there will be a universal requirement in England to teach Relationships Education at primary; Relationships and Sex Education at secondary; and Health Education in all primary and secondary schools. Online safety is a golden thread throughout these subjects.

Actions and Decisions

- Ensure the UKCIS Secretariat notify the Board on any updates to this document.
- Exec Board Members are encouraged to feedback on the guidance through DfE officials.

Agenda Item 3 - Online Harms White Paper

- The Minister for Digital and Creative Industries (MDCI) thanked Board Members for their consultation responses to the Online Harms White Paper, which closed on July 1st. Over 2000 responses were received and the Minister expressed her gratitude for the work officials were doing to analyse the responses.
- MDCI outlined the plans for legislation, and explained that Government was planning to respond to the White Paper by the end of the year, and expected that the Bill would be introduced next year.
- The Minister gave an overview of the themes which had come up during the consultation period including the definition of online harms, the scope of the regulatory framework and the wider digital regulatory landscape.
- The Media Literacy Strategy which is a commitment set out in the White Paper was discussed, and the Minister highlighted that we are currently engaging with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Board members discussed the child safety implications of end-to-end encryption for messaging services. There was also discussion of the recent engagement with young people that took place in schools as part of the white paper consultation process, and how online gaming was a huge focus for them.

Actions and Decisions

- UKCIS Secretariat to be in touch with updates on the Media Literacy Strategy including when DCMS put research proposal out to tender.
- Board Members to get in touch if they would like to be involved in developing the Media Literacy Strategy.

Agenda Item 4 - UKCIS Workstreams

- Victoria Atkins, Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability, outlined the new workstreams which were agreed in principle at the previous Executive Board meeting.
    - The Vulnerable People Working Group (Internet Matters lead);
    - A new 'Early Warning System' (Childnet lead); and
    - 'Better Online Conversations' (Office of the Commission for Countering Extremism).

- Claire Levens (Internet Matters) presented on 'The Vulnerable People Working Group'. She outlined the main aim, which is to create a working group, consisting of members who are able to create a suite of resources that reach people working with vulnerable children. Board members are invited to a kick off meeting which will take place at the end of August.
- Will Gardner (Childnet) presented on a new 'Early Warning System'. He mentioned his aim to create a system which keeps the board up to date with new issues and trends. A kick off meeting will take place in mid-September.

<u>Actions and Decisions</u>

- Executive Board members **agreed** to the approaches to the two new workstreams, and will get in touch with leads if they are interested in being involved, particularly if they would like to be invited to initial kick off meetings.
- Vulnerable users working group to have a functioning working group by the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item 5 - ICO, Age Appropriate Design Code

- Steve Wood from the Information Commissioner's Office updated the Executive Board on the Age Appropriate Design Code.
- Consultation has now closed and received 450 responses. There was interest from a wide range of sectors, digital services and child protection charities.
- Overall stakeholders supported the aims and the key principles behind the code. The ICO was planning to write a blog to update on the Code and Steve Wood referred Board members to evidence he and the Information Commissioner gave to the DCMS Committee. He also said the ICO would review the code to ensure it kept pace with technological advances.

Agenda Item 6 - AOB

- Fred Langford, chair of the Technical Working Group has stepped down. The UKCIS Secretariat is currently looking at how best to address the technical needs of the board - they will put a proposal to the next board meeting. The Minister for Children and Families expressed the Board's gratitude to Fred Langford for his work on the Working Group.
- Next meeting in October/November 2019.