

ADCS Information Systems & Technology Policy Committee Survey: Online safeguarding

Following on from the survey conducted in December 2007 to assess the state of play nationally in respect of issues related to online safety and the ways in which they were being addressed by LSCBs, ADCS has carried out a further survey in January 2009. ADCS would like to thank those colleagues whose council provided a response to the survey. This paper provides a summary of responses. The information generated will be used to assist the Committee's work with Becta, CEOP and DCSF on this issue.

Below are the results of the January 2009 survey, there is also a direct comparison with the results from December 2007 for the first 4 statements (which were the same for both surveys).

Summary

	December 2007		January 2009	
Number of respondents	47	31.3%	91	60.6%
Eastern	2		7	
East Midlands	2		6	
Greater London	11		17	
Northern	4		9	
North West	7		10	
South East	7		10	
South West	5		10	
West Midlands	6		10	
Yorkshire and Humberside	3		12	

This shows a 29% increase on the previous survey, with an additional 44 LSCBs responding to the survey.

Statement 1:		
Safeguarding of children online is included in our LSCB business plan		
	2007	2009
Yes:	24	87
No:	18	4
To be decided:	2	0
Not specifically:	2	0
Will be in 2008/09:	1	

Therefore: 95.6% of respondents do include references to the safeguarding of children online in their respective LSCB Business Plans. This represents a marked increase on the previous survey, with the vast majority of respondents now including appropriate references within their LSCB business plans.

Additional information in support of Statement 1:

YES:

- Several LSCBs have reported that e-safety is a main priority.
- A small number talked of an e-safety officer and many more of a dedicated e-safety committee

NO:

- Of the 4 LSCBs who answered no to this question, one reports that actions from the esafety action plan will feature in the 09/10 business plan and another that the LSCB is currently preparing to review their business plan and work programme.

Statement 2:		
We have a designated sub-group of our LSCB which has safeguarding children online in their remit and responsibility.		
	2007	2009
Yes:	35	80
No:	10	11*
Not yet:	2	

* 5 of these 11 had a working group for e-safety as opposed to a sub-group

Therefore: 88% of respondents have LSCB sub-groups with online safeguarding specified in their remit. If we include the additional 5 LSCBs who have working groups, this rises to 93.4%

Additional information in support of Statement 2:

YES:

- Several LSCBs advised that the sub-group was in place for a limited time and that the policy and procedures sub-group would take over the work after a given period of time.
- Some LSCBs have joined together to form a wider area partnership. Some of these are taking on the responsibility of planning e-safety conferences across the wider area
- Many LSCBs refer to the sub-group has having multi-agency membership

NO:

- One LSCB who answered no, explained that e-safety was covered by the agenda of existing groups
- Another said it was assessing whether there was a need for a designated group

Statement 3:		
There is an identified strategy and action plan associated with our LSCB sub group which outlines how safeguarding online will be tackled		
	2007	2009
Yes:	23	58
Yes but not part of a sub group:	1	
No:	20	27
To be confirmed		1
Being developed		1
Not yet:	3	4

Therefore: 63.7% of respondents have an identified strategy and action plan for sub groups outlining how online safeguarding will be tackled.

Additional information in support of Statement 3:

YES:

- A number of LSCBs have talked about conferences dedicated to e-safety taking place
- Several talk about using the Becta guidance as their model for the strategy and action plan. In all, 11 LSCBs (12 %) made reference to Becta materials for this answer. Across the entire survey, 19 LSCBs made reference to Becta. (20.8%)

NO:

- 15 LSCBs who answered no have a strategy or action plan in progress. 6 have a specific date when this will be approved and in place.

Statement 4:		
Safeguarding online is referenced in our LSCB child protection/safeguarding procedures.		
	2007	2009
Yes:	36	69
No:	9	18
In progress:		3
Not yet:	1	1
Will be in 2008:	1	

Therefore 75.8% of respondents reference safeguarding online in their child protection/safeguarding procedures

Additional information in support of Statement 4:

YES:

- One LSCB referred to the Byron review and is relating the procedures to the outcomes
- Some LSCBs talked about wider area procedures, e.g. South West electronic safeguarding procedures, London child protection procedures, SET (Southend, Essex and Thurrock) child protection procedures

NO:

- Most LSCBs who answered no, advised that they are updating procedures and expect that e-safety will be incorporated into the new guidance.

The following questions were asked in the 2009 survey only.

Statement 5:	
Does your LSCB ensure e-safety training for professionals?	
Yes:	75
No:	11
In progress:	3
Planned:	2

Therefore 82.4% of LSCBs who responded ensure e-safety training for professionals

Additional information in support of Statement 5:

YES:

- 35% of those who responded yes made reference to training for teachers
- 24% referred to the CEOP and Think U Know materials
- 25% suggested that their training for professionals was multi-agency
- Other providers that were mentioned included Childnet, NSPCC, SWGfL, Stop It Now, Becta

NO:

- 7 LSCBs who were not currently ensuring e-safety training for professionals said that they did plan to offer/provide this.

Statement 6:	
Does your LSCB ensure e-safety training for Foster Carers?	
Yes:	58
No:	25
In progress:	4
Planned:	4

Therefore 63.7% of LSCBs who responded ensure e-safety training for Foster Carers.

YES:

- Several LSCBs have specific training for foster carers, with one LSCB employing an independent consultant to advise foster carers and help with any queries.
- Some LSCBs have published information for foster carers which includes guidance around e-safety

NO:

- A substantial number of LSCBs (60%) who responded no to this statement said that they had plans to provide training for foster carers in the future. Many said that they made foster carers aware that they could attend existing training for parents and carers.

Statement 7:	
Does your LSCB ensure e-safety training for parents and carers?	
Yes:	59
No:	27
In progress:	2
To be developed:	3

Therefore 64.8% of LSCBs who responded ensure e-safety training for parents and carers.

YES:

- 64% of those who responded yes, said that this training was provided through school settings in the main.
- 10 LSCBs mentioned published literature that was provided for their parents and carers.

NO:

- 12 LSCBs did not give any indication that they had plans to provide training for parents and carers

Statement 8:	
Does your LSCB ensure e-safety training for children and young people?	
Yes:	63
No:	23
In progress:	3
Planned:	2

Therefore 69.2% of LSCBs who responded ensure e-safety training for children and young people.

YES:

- 41% of LSCBs made reference to CEOP and the Think U Know programme
- 6% of LSCBs indicated that training for children and young people was delivered by the police, some mentioning PCSOs specifically
- a small number of LSCBs (4) said that they involved young people in the development of e-safety training and resources, mentioning youth parliament and local seminars
- 2 LSCBs mentioned the fact that e-safety was part of the new ICT curriculum and that at secondary level, this forms part of the National Strategy subject leader development programme.

NO:

- 4 LSCBs who answered no said that training for children and young people was undertaken by schools
- 9 of the LSCBs who answered no, gave no indication of whether e-safety training for children and young people was being carried out by other agencies.

Other information:

45 of the 91 LSCBs that responded had not completed the survey in December 2007.

32 LSCBs have completed both surveys.

105 LSCBs have responded to one or both surveys (70%)

45 LSCBs have not responded to either survey