

## **Information Systems & Technology Policy Committee**

**Chair:** Richard Stiff, North Lincolnshire

The Committee met on two occasions in 2007. The inaugural meeting took place at the ADCS Conference in July in Manchester and the second meeting in London in mid-October. A pattern of quarterly meetings has been agreed.

The Committee has sought to maintain its Confed predecessor's relationship with Becta, and since the October 2007 meeting, Committee meetings have involved two sessions – a morning session dealing with ADCS business and an afternoon session with Becta colleagues. Becta has agreed to support the Committee's work through the provision of accommodation for its meetings, which is acknowledged with thanks.

In addition to Committee meetings members have been involved in the work of a number of partner agencies and organizations representing ADCS and offering input to various work streams from a children's services perspective. These involvements include:

- Representation at The Home Secretary's Task Force on child protection on the internet
- Representation at The Information Standards Board (DCSF)
- Representation on the new DCSF Communications Board
- Representation at The National Strategy Group (Becta)
- Representation at The National Delivery Group (Becta)
- Work with CEOP (including the development of a memorandum of understanding between ADCS and CEOP)
- Joint work with Becta and CEOP to develop a programme of regional activity to support national initiatives related to safeguarding and support to Local Safeguarding Children Boards
- Engagement with DCSF concerning the development and implementation of ContactPoint and ICS
- Work with ADASS to develop a proposed information governance protocol.

Priority areas of interest for the Committee since its inception and into 2008 include:

- All matters related to ICT in teaching and learning including the new second phase of the national Harnessing Technology strategy and the "Next Generation Learning" campaign
- Continuing engagement with the development of information systems including issues related to ICS and ContactPoint

- Online and e-safety issues in general
- Continued development of relationships with partners including DCSF, Becta, CEOP and ADASS
- Development of regional structures and representation.