



TEAM DEFENCE INFORMATION

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News digest and look ahead to TD-Info Events

Please note all links provided are to our website at www.teamdefence.info and many are accessible to registered members only. To register please go to the top right-hand side of the home page, click on Register, complete the form and you will receive login details in a welcome email, along with guidance on using the website. We avoid images in this bulletin as many defence-related organisations apply email filters that reject emails containing them.

Introduction from our Managing Director, Phil Williams

“Autumn leaves don’t fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar” (Delia Owens, *Where the Crawdads Sing*)

The situation in Ukraine continues to dominate and the economic winds blow ill but life continues, and it seems we have got off to a flyer: before we knew it, the new term began, and September disappeared and talking to colleagues in both MOD and Industry it’s the same all around.

Amongst many topics described below, MDI continues apace and the Sustainability Conference at the Royal Engineers HQ, was especially encouraging – a new generation of soldiers and companies with the “Green Agenda” firmly on the map.

Jack Thompson, our most recent recruit, is now heading up our communications. Welcome Jack!

Please note that as below, we are already firming up dates for 2023, so please put markers in your diaries.

New TD-Info Members

This month we're pleased to welcome Capita, RWS Group, Uplift360, Athensys and Helyx SIS.

Future Events - For a full list of events please [click here](#)

**Hold the dates:
Support Chain Seminar - 18-19 January 2023
Support Net – 18-19 May 2023
DI23 – 5-6 July 2023**

JISCOT Meeting 4 October, 10:30am to 12:30pm - Virtual

The Mission of the Joint Information Standards Co-ordination Team (JISCOT) is to co-ordinate, for the UK, the MOD and Industry representation in the identification, development, deployment, and maintenance of a coherent set of standards to meet the needs of UK Defence from this global activity within the scope of Team Defence Information (TD-Info) activity. For further information, please contact [Ciaran Dodd](#).

MOD MDI Change Update, 4 October 2022 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Virtual

TD-Info is proud to host the next chapter in the emerging MDI Change Programme Capabilities, and to look at the 2022/2023 programme of engagements. The event will be hosted by Steve Worsnip (TD-Info), with his guest, and our MDI MOD Lead, Mr Graham Ball. For further information please contact [Steve Worsnip](#).

Health Check of Defence Industrial Base, 6 October 2022 10:00am to 3:00pm – Follow Up – Virtual

Team Defence information is looking to run a follow up event to the workshop held on the 13th of June to support Defence Digital in the creation of a UK Health Check of Defence Industrial Base. The session will be run as a hybrid event, online using Microsoft Teams and physically in the TD-Info office in Rudge Way. For further information, please contact [David Hawken](#).

TD-Info Futures: Low Carbon Bases Workshop, 14 October 2022 10:00am to 2:00pm – Hybrid - Frazer-Nash Consultancy Narrow Quay House, Bristol

This will be the first working group under the new Def Sp focus areas. This event explores one of the Sustainable Support Strategy themes and will help inform future experimentation in low carbon deployments. The hypothesis for the workshop is: 'Intelligent operational base designs will reduce energy demand which when matched with smart grids and alternative

energy solutions will provide assured resilient supply with a significantly reduced logistic and carbon footprint.' For further information please contact [Steve Green](#).

Industry Customer Engagement Forum (ICEF), 17 October 2022 1:00pm to 3:00pm – Hybrid – MOD Corsham (Meeting Room Details TBA)

Regular Industry Engagement meeting, hosted by MOD, to address issues affecting Industry-based consumers of MOD-provided services. For further information, please contact [Tony Butler](#).

Fuels Service Delivery (FSD) Industry Briefing Event, 18 October 2022 9:30am to 11:30am – Virtual

The Fuels Transformation Programme (FTP) achieved Outline Business Case (OBC) approval in Mar-2022. Based on the concepts of capability management and driven by data, FTP will take full advantage of innovation to improve the agility and responsiveness of the Defence Fuel Enterprise (DFE). For further information, please contact [Steve Green](#).

Programme Launch of Support Business Function Model, (BFM) & Information Exchange, 18 October 10:00am to 12:00pm – In-Person - TD-Info Office TD-Info 6A Pinkers Court, Briarlands Office Park Bristol

TD-Info are looking to launch a programme of work to jointly develop the Support Business Function Model, (BFM) & Information Exchange. This proposal is to establish a joint MOD/industry effort via TD-Info to further develop and exploit the BFM into which the LCIA has been subsumed. For further information, please contact [Leyton Lark](#).

Team Defence Executive Team Meeting, 19 October 2022 10:45am to 1:00pm – Virtual

The Team Defence Executive Team operate monthly sessions which will look to support and mature opportunities and guide the broad portfolio of Team Defence activities, so they align with the strategic direction and focus set by the Team Defence Strategy Group. For further information, please contact [Leyton Lark](#).

34th Joint Obsolescence Management Working Group (JOMWG), 26 October 2022 1:30pm to 4:30pm – Virtual

For more information and to join this group please get in touch with [Leyton Lark](#).

The Supportability Modelling and Analysis CoP, 27 October 10:00am to 3:00pm - Hybrid - TD-Info Office TD-Info 6A Pinkers Court, Briarlands Office Park Bristol

Team Defence Information Head Office; In person and Remote meeting using Microsoft Teams. For further information, please contact [Frank Murphy](#).

Free Team Defence Information Lunch & Learn Session - 12.30 1st November 2022

Following the very successful provision of TD-Info Lunch and Learn sessions to several of our members, we are now offering an 'open' session for anyone attend.

Lunch & Learn is a 30-minute Microsoft Teams interactive session which provides an overview of what TD-Info is, what the organisation does and how to get the most from being a member.

Its primary purpose is to help increase members staff awareness of TD-Info and what it offers.

The session includes:

- A description of what TD-Info is and how it operates
- A presentation of the TD-Info website and its many artefacts
- Identification of the various communities of practice, working groups and projects
- Advice on how to register for the website and get involved in activities.

If you would like to attend this session, please e-mail [Julian Dayment](#).

Packaging for Equipment Acquisition and Support, 1 November 2022 10:30am to 1:30pm - TBD

This Community of Practice provides a forum for the MOD and Industry where topics of discussion include guidance and resolution of matters relating to Military Level packaging, training, links with Professional Bodies e.g. The Packaging Society (IoM³); innovations related to packaging. For further information, please contact [Leyton Lark](#).

Response to DSIS, 3 November 2022 10:00am to 3:00pm - Hybrid - TD-Info Office TD-Info 6A Pinkers Court, Briarlands Office Park Bristol

In March 2021, the government published its Defence & Security Industrial Strategy (DSIS), which aims to develop a new relationship industry. The DSIS describes nineteen segments and made a commitment to developing individual responses to these segment areas where it was meaningful to do so. The 'Digital Backbone' segment is one of those segments and Defence Digital has been preparing a response document, which will soon be at its second draft. For further information, please contact [David Hawken](#).

Defence Asset Management CoP, 3 November 2022 2:00m to 4:00pm - Virtual

Under the auspices of TD-Info, the AMCoP is a standing joint MOD, Defence Industry and the Institute of Asset Management (IAM) community of practice. The IAM is the Asset Management (AM) professional body and will be represented by the IAM SW Branch.

The AMCoP will offer outputs and information that can be exploited by Asset Management professionals across the whole of MOD and Industry. These outputs will improve day to day practices in Asset Management across Defence as well as informing strategic decisions about professionalization.

The agenda will be released to attendees once the presenters and content have been confirmed. For further information, please contact [Leyton Lark](#).

MDI Town Hall Event, 16 November 2022 10:30am to 3:30pm – Hybrid - Airbus Space & Satellite Rooms 1-4, Stevenage

This event will be supported by Guest Speakers, to explore UK developments within the MDI Quest. Please note that the teams dial in option will be from 10:30 -12:00 only.

There will be an optional tour of the facility at the end of the day, and we would request that once you have registered for the event, that you go into your event portal and let us know whether you wish to attend the tour. For further Information, please contact [Steve Worsnip](#).

CDLS AdM as a Service Challenge & Working Groups

TD-Info continue to support the MoD's Defence Support Transformation Team and the Future Capabilities Group (FCG) with the progression of the CDLS Additive Manufacturing (AdM) Challenge and the AdM as a Service Working Groups respectively.

FCG recently took the lead on the delivery of the Challenge, progressing the initial commercial engagement with industry, termed Spiral 1, which is focussed on proving the ability to integrate a non-safety critical metal AdM part on an in-service platform. Further Spirals will follow, to include safety critical components and those that are manufactured and fitted remotely. The PQQ down select, and ITT issue, will take place in October.

The Working Groups, running parallel to the Challenge activity, consist of stakeholders from across MoD and Industry who are tasked with identifying and discussing the challenges and opportunities with the greater implementation of AdM within the Defence supply chain.

The latest contract notification for the above challenge (now termed Project TAMPA) can be found on the [Defence Sourcing Portal \(DSP\)](#) – search by going to the main dashboard and then via 'Published Opportunities', and scroll down for Project TAMPA notification.

Also listed on the same DSP notification are a number of elevator pitches from SMEs, collated by the Futures Capabilities Group (FCG) within DE&S, designed to facilitate networking for the challenge between SMEs and OEMs.

Further information on the AdM as a Service Challenge can be found on the [TD-Info website](#).

Should you wish to engage in the Working Groups, and for any additional information on the above, or on the work Team Defence Information is doing with with AdM to support wider dissemination within the Defence Supply Chain, please contact [Stu Olden](#).

MDI Update from Steve Worsnip

The Multi Domain Integration (MDI) working group successfully reached another waypoint in its evolution with the issue of its phase 3a report. The report covered the working group activities during the period from January to July 2022, with conclusions and recommendations of how the working group can assist UK StratCom to deliver MDI through practical actions that help the UK enterprise to think and fight differently.

The report can be found [here](#), and synthesises the contributions, through focussed interventions, of more than 300 people from the MOD, Industry and academic enterprise.

The working group now enters phase 3b under new MOD leadership of Graham Ball and a programme of interventions which seek to assist UK StratCom and the wider enterprise to gain greater strategic value from MDI.

As detailed above, MDI has two events currently available for registration.

Both events have received significant registration, for which the in-person Town Hall event has attendance limits. For further information, please contact [Steve Worsnip](#).

Team Defence Information developing support for MOD DE&S Future Capability Group (FCG)

TD-Info continues to actively support and assist the FCG in kick-starting key initiatives identified jointly by DE&S and MOD Front Line Commands (FLCs), this is called the Open Innovation Laboratory (OIL). OIL in summary - Joint Strategy: Coherent, thought collaboration focal point for Industry engagement, consistent messaging, and communication across industry sectors About: Command focused and sponsored problems/opportunities that are outcome based to enable exploitation and acquisition of products, upgrades, and services. How? By the exploitation and utilization of the most appropriate existing Working Group or community Collaborating with: MOD problem owners and funders, Defence Primes and OEMs, Established tier suppliers, Solution architects and systems integrators, other sector supply chain, SMEs. Current activities and those at the early planning stage include:

- Operational Energy (OpEn) COE – The OpEn COE is investigating a range of energy vectors. The intent is to help inform Defence decisions on energy transition. This engagement will help understand different sectoral approaches and how they might apply in a deployed operational energy context. Previous COE engagements have investigated battery technologies and power management. The next engagement will bring together different views on Hydrogen. Details are being finalised for timings; attendee numbers available for the event but it will probably be at Rolls-Royce in Bristol.
- Futures Lab - Team Defence Information is pleased to be working alongside Futures Lab, a Future Capability Group service that draws together bespoke, pan-industry and academic collaborative teams to deliver decision support to defence. Keep your eye out for events and opportunities we'll be sharing across our networks. Follow [Futures Lab on LinkedIn](#) to find out more
- High Value Manufacture CoE - The launch event of the HVM CoE was hosted at AMRC Sheffield. With a broad range of attendees from across MOD, industry, and academia the discussions have helped shape the COE direction and areas for investigation. Future engagement will be facilitated through the creation of a community of interest that will be facilitated by TD Info OIL. Immediate main effort will be delivering AdM as a service (Project TAMPA), supporting the Challenge Workstream and co-chairing the digital thread future topics will include Advanced Materials, Composites & Light Weighting; Advanced Manufacture; In-Service Support; and Digital Thread. The next HVM COI will convene in October.
- Agile Commercial Practices - Accessing talent and contracting for outcomes to deliver sprints and enable iterative development calls for new approaches to contracting. Earlier in August 22 small focus group workshops took place imparting knowledge of different commercial framework approaches. The best practice and pitfalls of each were captured and will be used to inform FCG route to market options.
- Application Programme Interfaces for Robotic & Autonomous Systems (API4RAS) Task – Team Defence is producing a paper to generate collaboration and a call to action around Application Programme Interfaces for Robotic & Autonomous Systems (API4RAS). Through collaboration, diversity of thought and learning from across sectors we will generate valuable

insight to inform FCG's direction around Modular Open Systems Approaches to robotics and automation in the Battlefield. We will deliver our findings before the end of the year so please get involved, simply track our progress, or just read and exploit the outputs.

These activities build upon the new engagement approach outlined in the [FCG Industry Engagement Strategy](#) released in July 2021, If you would like more information on OIL please contact either [Steve Green](#) or [Darin Tudor](#).

Defence Digital Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Industry Day - details to follow

Defence Digital are showcasing approaches to enable SMEs, alongside larger industry partners, to work more effectively with them in a by-invitation, industry day (expected late October/early November but venue and timings will be announced soon.) Led by AVM David Arthurton and senior leaders from across Defence Digital, the day will outline latest developments including presentations by Commercial-X and updates on the progress of the Foundry. If you would like more information or details for registration, please contact [Tony Butler](#).

The Joint Economic Data Hub (JEDHub) seeks UK-listed companies that produce defence goods and services for the UK MOD, international governments, or other businesses to complete their survey by 31 October 2022.

The Joint Economic Data Hub (JEDHub), based in the UK Defence Solutions Centre, is a collaborative initiative to improve understanding of the defence sector's contribution to the UK economy.

The survey, hosted on an all-new digital platform, will capture data on turnover, employment, supply chains and workforce demographics within the sector. The findings from the survey will support the 2022 JEDHub Annual Economic Report. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

External Events

IPS User Forum 2022 Future Integrated Product Support 17-20 October 2022, Vienna, Austria

The IPS User Forum 2022 in Vienna is the first User Forum worldwide for Integrated Product Support (IPS), also known as Integrated Lifecycle Support (ILS), bringing together ALL relevant S-Series IPS Specifications in one single event. To register or find out more, click [here](#).

Cityforum Intelligent Defence & Smart Power Round Table, 24 October 2022 9:00am to 4:00pm - In-Person - National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London, UK

As part of Cityforum's 2022 Intelligent Defence and Smart Power series, this full day in-person round table discussion will focus on what the UK should do to protect itself, make the most effective contribution to western security, and promote national economic interest and resilience.

Senior MOD Guest - Lt Gen Rob Magowan

The discussion will include:

- Meeting the threats from Russia and China
- Technology and the delivery of capability
- What the UK brings to the grey zone

To register or find out more, click [here](#).

IDGA's Defence Logistics & Support Conference 25-26 October 2022 Washington, DC

To register or to find out more, click [here](#).

Recent Publications

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COVID-19 – TD-Info Remote Working

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