

Key Messages from the Team Defence Information MDI Virtual Event 26th January 2023

Focus:

- IR Refresh considerations were presented through the lens of the UK StratCom Multi Domain Integration Programme.
- 2023 Proposed MDI Working Group Programme was socialised for feedback from the Group.
- DSEI 2023 is planned as a Headmark Event, the theme will be 'Achieving the Integrated Force'.
- Cultural change is required to enable Integration across the Defence Enterprise.

Event summary:

- Participants found the event informative and beneficial.
- The 2023 Programme topics were supported, with the offer of additional topics.
- There was a desire by participants to be engaged in driving the programme forward.
- 100% recognition that digital is coming and Defence will exploit.
- 40 of the ~65 people registered attended, with 75% remaining the very end.
- Let's deliver, not just talk!

Key Takeaways:

- The audience were supportive of investing time in further face-to-face meetings, following the in-person event hosted by Airbus UK, last autumn.
- The audience wanted to see the future programme for the Group helping to promote tangible change linked to operational success.
- The flow-up, and flow-down to the DSF Digital Steering Group was recognised, alongside the need to use this channel to gain formal updates on Commercial reform and progress on Digital standards.
- It was recognised that reminding the MDI community of the key tenets of the Integrated Operating Concept ([IOpC](#)) would be beneficial.

- The importance of alignment and integration. US, 5 eyes, NATO, etc are assessed as the UK priorities.
- Energy and investment in DSEI 2023 would assist the MDI cause and help highlight its wider implications.
- Cultural reform starts with us. A small number of simple principles, drafted from team input as per the attached would make a difference if the community adopted.
- These 4 were proposed and circulated as a 'circulation draft' for comment with a note on what each one is aimed at changing. MOD and Industry would then commence a process of change initiated by this draft and cemented in time by follow on iterations or communications to reflect on them, by all actors.

'4Integration' = 4 Culture Changes to enable MOD digital integration:

1. Drive MOD-industry collaboration, in accordance with [PPN10/16](#).
2. Employ the [Nolan Principles](#) to create and support innovation & change.
3. Ensure interoperability with NATO, Allies and OGDs.
4. Reinforce, reward & celebrate, *convergence*, alignment, innovation & progress.