



# Team Defence Information (TD-Info) is a unique not-for-profit joint UK MOD and Defence Industry Trade Association which works on Defence Support Transformation initiatives. Please visit our web site for further information on the topics identified in this chart.

# Activities Overview Chart Summer 2024

Website Address  
www.teamdefence.info

## Governance

### Defence Suppliers Forum

The Defence Suppliers Forum (DSF) enables strategic engagement between Government and the Defence Industry to facilitate the effective sharing of information, aligning our objectives and optimising the delivery of Defence capability from the Defence budget.

### Lead Sponsors Forum

The Council consists of our member's senior personnel and reviews performance against agreed strategic goals to define our future agenda.  
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### TD-Info 3\* Advisory Board

Providing direction and to ensure the activities of TD-Info maintain alignment with the strategic priorities of the relevant Top-Level Budgets (TLBs), include representation from Defence Suppliers Forum, DE&S, Defence Digital and Defence Support. Posts currently held by Vice Admiral Andy Kite, CDS, Adrian Baguley, Deputy CEO, DE&S and Charlie Forte, MOD CIO.  
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### TD-Info Strategy Group and Executive Team

Reflecting the single governance model of TD-Info, our collective contribution to UK industry is managed through two member led governance bodies. The Strategy Group convenes quarterly and tracks the progress and direction of TD-Info's activities supporting the 3\* Areas of Focus and Council objectives. The monthly Executive Team acts as our Programme Board, facilitating and managing activities and associated deliverables.  
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### Information

**Collaborative Working Environment (CWE)**  
A working group which investigates how the collaborative working environments required by platforms and capability planners may be delivered more economically and sustainably.  
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**Information Security Forum**  
Collaboratively developing guidance, policy and communicating key messages to members and, where appropriate, broader stakeholders on Information Security and Assurance matters.  
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**MOD Cloud Vg & Industry Point of View**  
Facilitating the development and take-up of the MOD's Cloud capabilities, facilitating collaborative engagement between MOD and Industry.  
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**Industry Customer Engagement Forum (ICEF)**  
The ICEF fulfils two roles: it represents the interests of industry consumers of MOD information and acts as an advisory change management board for users of MOD products and services operating outside the MOD estate.  
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**Multi Domain Integration delivered through the Integrated Design Authority**  
Collaborative MOD, Industry and Academia activities, understanding and developing defence integration and the Integrated Design Authority.  
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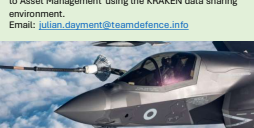
**Think Tank Forum**  
A forum of industry representatives and the MOD to support and drive the design, implementation and exploitation of the MOD Contracts, Purchasing & Finance system and business change needs across the MOD's Trading Partners.  
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**Information Security Collaboration Group**  
A collaborative working group a quarterly meeting between MOD and multiple Defence Support Organisations to maximise information sharing and awareness of Information Security matters across Defence and wider government.  
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**Secure by Design Group**  
A collaborative working group between Defence Digital and its Industry and MOD Customers to identify and resolve issues and challenges around Secure By Design and its associated accreditations and assurances.  
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**Software Enabled Defence Working Group**  
Assisting the MOD to explore Software Enabled Defence in Contest Competition, and the challenges of placing Virtual on a par with Physical, with Software being valued as a Strategic Asset.  
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**KRAKEN Further Development**  
A working group to further develop, in conjunction with industry partners, the Royal Navy collaborative approach to Asset Management using the KRAKEN data sharing environment.  
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### Support

**Integrated Product Support (IPS)**  
A Community of Practice which supports the MOD and industry in improving Supportability Engineering and IPS standards / specifications, processes (technical and management) and training. The aim is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Supportability Engineering / IPS programmes.  
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**Defence Support Reference Architecture Business Functional Model Group**  
Collaboration between industry and MOD to further develop the BFM which informs a range of MOD programmes.  
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**Supportability Modeling & Analysis**  
A Community of Practice seeking to identify and promulgate good practice in support and life cycle cost modeling across UK Defence.  
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**Support Advantage Charter**  
Facilitated development of a set of support improvement actions for both MOD and industry to help create a step change in UK Defence Support. These actions are now being tracked.  
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**Committees for Defence Equipment Reliability & Maintainability (CODERM)**  
A Community of Practice ensuring military capability is maximised through optimal levels of equipment Reliability and Maintainability (RAM).  
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**Committee for Automatic Testing Systems for Defence**  
This committee is a forum that allows MOD and industry to co-operate to their mutual advantage, working and agreeing on best practices associated with Automatic Test Systems (ATS) and providing a coherent input into the IEEE SCCC20 standards.  
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**Combined Technical Documentation Working Group**  
A Community of Practice to support the MOD's strategy for technical documentation support solutions and the development of supporting pan-MOD Technical, Documentation Policy and Advice and Guidance.  
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**Joint Obsolescence Management Working Group**  
A forum to discuss existing and developing Policy, Advice and Guidance on Obsolescence Management. The group supports the objective of producing and expediting this joint Policy, Advice and Guidance to facilitate the efficient letting and management of contracts.  
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**Packaging for Equipment Acquisition & Support**  
A Community of Practice providing 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; innovations related to packaging.  
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### 'Futures' (incl. Sustainability)

**Future Capability Innovation**  
Accelerating capability and commercialising solutions benefits from collaborative early market engagement. Accessing a broad supply base requires agile open and collaborative engagement with academia and industry of all sizes including non-traditional suppliers. Aligning Command priorities and funding the Opportunity and Laboratories (OL) has been established to provide the mechanism for engagement. TD-Info is supporting Future Capability Group with their industry engagements with the intent of commercialising new and innovative Defence Capabilities.  
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**Future Support**  
The future operating concept for support has been published and industry engagement will help influence future research and experimentation activities. With many solutions that can be dual purpose for Defence creation of Support Advantage will require partnering and interoperability across the extended enterprise. Working with the MOD we are involved in several sub-working groups focusing on topics such as Digital Twin, Data Science and Distribution.  
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**Future Additive Manufacturing Working Group**  
We are providing secretariat support to the Defence Support Transformation team in the delivery of Certification and Inventory Management Working Groups (WGs) as part of CDLS' Additive Manufacturing (AdM) as a Service Challenge. Through these WGs, a stakeholder community has been established from industry and MOD, identifying key challenges and opportunities with the MOD vision of wider use of AdM across the Defence Supply Chain.  
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**Defence Support Digital Twin**  
The Defence Support Digital Twin Community of Practice promotes collaboration and mutually beneficial outcomes in the development of UK Digital Twin capabilities for Engineering, Equipment and Logistic Support across development lifecycles...  
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**Artificial Intelligence in Defence**  
TD-Info work collaboratively on staging events to explore Artificial intelligence (AI) application across Defence.  
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**Defence Modelling & Simulation Office (DMSO)**  
TD-Info and the DMSO work collaboratively on developing Future Modelling and Simulation services pan Defence.  
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### Capability & Infrastructure

**Delivery Continuity Executive**  
Early mitigation of threats to continuity of delivery, meeting needs of industry and MOD. Mutual understanding between providers and users in industry of MOD information services. Establishing more effective sharing and exchange of data, which improves decision making across contracts for Defence Support increased re-use of MOD information.  
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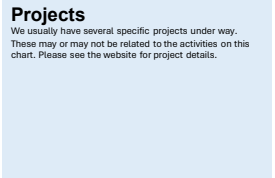
**Natural Capital & Infrastructure (NC&I)**  
A Community of Practice focused on the natural capital and infrastructure domain engaging with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) to address a range of initiatives and activities.  
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**Defence Asset Management**  
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 is represented by the IAM Southwest branch.  
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**Skills, Learning & Development**  
**ASD-STE100 Simplified Technical English® (STE) Training Courses**  
As part of this Community of Interest, TD-Info has established a programme of Simplified Technical English Training Courses. This training is mandatory for engineers responsible for the preparation of company technical publications but is applicable more widely in businesses. Email: cieran.dodd@teamdefence.info

**Joint Professional Development Working Group**  
Purpose: Establishing common methods of recognition for Supportability Engineering and Support/Supply Chain Management professionals to UK Engineering Council Specifications. This includes Engineering Technologist (EngTech), Incorporated and Chartered levels.  
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**Projects**  
We usually have several specific projects under way. These may or may not be related to the activities on this chart. Please see the website for project details.



### Vanguard

The Vanguard is a board of early career professionals formed to bring fresh perspectives to today's problems and initiatives in the UK Defence enterprise. The strategic aim is to work collaboratively, in a commercially neutral forum, to:

- Harness Diversity of Thought
- Challenge the Norm
- Push for Progress

We are continually looking for early career members for our Vanguard programme. If of interest, please contact Jack.  
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**Digital Climate Change & Sustainability**  
Assess and understand the culture require to deliver CC&S change.

**Defence Asset Management**  
Evaluate and understand Digital CC&S best practice across Defence.  
Horizontal-scanning of emerging and disruptive technologies;  
Evaluate and understand circular economy best practice, barriers & enablers.

**Output:** A paper and/or presentation to report to MOD sponsor.  
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**Defence Support Future Sustainability**  
Conduct a market assessment of technologies:

- Is it viable for a future force to produce food from insects?
- How mature is this technology for an operational base?
- When will the systems become commercially available?
- What are Defence Lines of development implications?

**Output:** Market research and production of paper.  
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**Risk Management and Assurance Products**  
Research into existing assurance products related to AI Ethics and risk management that Defence can readily adopt.

- What are industry using in terms of assurance?
- What are the security implications? Bureaucratic burden?
- What are the questions Defence needs to be asking when developing AI-enabled systems?

**Output:** Research paper and/or presentation to MOD stakeholders / Potential for Co-Drafting products.  
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**Future Technologies – Industrial Strategy**  
There are numerous recognised sectors that end with the term 'tech' e.g. FinTech, AgriTech, MedTech... there is no equivalent for Defence related products and services.

- Why is that?
- What are their advantages of being part of 'xTech community'?
- If MiTech/DeTech was created, how would we know about it – what would membership look like?

Consider Pros and Cons of creating such a community and make a recommendation.  
**Output:** Opposing arguments to be presented with online poll? Email:jack.thompson@teamdefence.info

### Standards

**Integrated Product Support (IPS) Group**  
The IPS Council, chaired by TD-Info, brings together European and USA organisations to collaborate in the development, maintenance and promotion of the ASD/AIA S-Series IPS specifications. The IPS Council reports to the ASD in Brussels and the AIA in Washington.  
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**Joint Information Standards Co-ordination Team (JISCO)**  
Coordinating 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. Focal point for UK discussion of S-Series of IPS specifications with opportunities to join the standards committees.  
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**ASD-STE100 Simplified Technical English (STE) Maintenance Group**  
The Simplified Technical English Maintenance Group (STEMG) is an international group of representatives who maintain and update the STE specification which gives rules, a dictionary of approved words and underlying principles to produce technical documentation that is clear, concise, accurate and translatable. Cieran Dodd is the UK's representative on the STEMG and an ASD-confirmed STE trainer.  
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**Simplified Technical English (STE) Support Team UK (STESU-UK)**  
The STESU-UK has representatives from leading UK organisations that use STE. The role of the STESU-UK is to represent UK changes and recommendations to the STEMG and share developments in STE to UK organisations.  
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**Def Stan 00-600 Working Group**  
Describing the context of IPS in the MOD, providing a guidance framework in which to contract for IS in the procurement and in-service support of Defence products.  
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**Marketing and Communications:**  
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### Events and Engagement

**Digital Engineering**  
Support within the MOD continues to undergo transformation and modernisation to ensure our armed forces remain prepared and able to deliver effective, resilient, global operations well into the future. Digital Engineering is a highly informative forum for the 'Team Defence' community to discuss key initiatives, exchange information, strengthen relationships, and become engaged in collaborative MOD-Industry Working Groups.  
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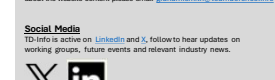
**SupportNet**  
SupportNet aims to promote a collective understanding of UK Defence's support requirements and is delivered by Chief of Defence Logistic Support (CDLS) and his team to pursue engagement with industry, academia and international partners to optimise military logistics and support capabilities. SupportNet will not take place in 2024 so we look forward to the 2025 event. Due to this decision, the CDLS Team will be more active at our 2024 Town Hall meetings.  
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**Defence Information (DI)**  
Bringing together MOD and Industry partners – the latter both as suppliers of information and Communications Technology (ICT) products/services and as material providers who are users of the same ICT. DI provides an opportunity to exchange timely insights, investment plans and perspectives that assist joint delivery of optimised and aligned 'force multiplier' capabilities across the defence enterprise.  
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**Town Hall Meetings**  
The TD-Info Town Hall is a quarterly face-to-face and virtual meeting which shares the latest information from the MOD and the range of TD-Info activities. Due to no SupportNet24, the CDLS Team will be more active in the 2024 Town Hall meetings.  
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**Member Showcase Events**  
A Series of Events designed to help our members showcase their capabilities and services to the MOD and industry, across the TD-Info membership base.  
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**Website**  
The TD-Info website (www.teamdefence.info) is TD-Info's primary communication channel publishing news, activity updates. Listing forthcoming events including ticket booking options. For more information about the website content please email graham.smith@teamdefence.info



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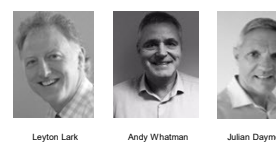
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