

## Annual WARP Forum 2009

### Workshop brief – WARPs and the wider public sector

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#### **Background**

The Annual WARP Forum this year is looking at four main themes, one being the wider public sector opportunities for WARPs in the light of the recently announced UK Cyber Security Strategy.

Local Government Authority WARPs have been very successful and they are growing but attempts to get WARPs into the wider public sector such as the NHS, SOCA, DWP, Education, Blue light services have all started positively but then many have stalled.

For example, in Health, we had a successful WARP registration at the top level of the NHS for several years which has not turned into an operational WARP due partly to internal reorganisations. Anecdotal evidence indicated that sharing information of any kind was hard because of the culture of patient confidentiality. We do, however, have a registered NHS WARP at the regional level running out of the West Midlands.

NHTCU and now SOCA have expressed serious interest in WARPs and we have had a Police WARP running successfully for many years. With the rise in Cyber crime and the publication of the UK Cyber security strategy, it is thought the law enforcement community could provide significant opportunities for WARPs.

Education still offers significant opportunities for WARPs <http://www.warp.gov.uk/schools/index.htm> and discussions with broadband consortia were positive but this needs direction from the top to go anywhere.

The UK Cyber security strategy [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/reports/cyber\\_security.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/reports/cyber_security.aspx) is very comprehensive with many examples of synergies with WARPs. For example, all three WARP services, Filtered Warnings, Advice Brokering and Trusted Sharing (reporting) align with:

#### *Workstream 1: Safe, Secure and Resilient Systems*

**3.11** This workstream will focus on enhancing the preparation for and protection from cyber attack in all sectors, to provide the greatest practicable resilience.

However, WARPs have also been shown to help raise awareness in communities and therefore also relates to:

#### *Workstream 3: Awareness and Culture Change*

**3.13** The OCS will lead work to raise awareness of cyber security at all levels of government, and to identify and instil the changes in behaviour and working culture that our dependence on the cyber environment demands, as well as embedding cyber security in wider aspects of policy formulation.

#### **Workshop aims**

The aims of this workshop are to identify opportunities which the UK Cyber Security Strategy may bring to provide focus and incentives for the wider public sector to embrace WARPs as many of the WARP champions in these organisations are still there and looking for the right time to take WARPs forward. These opportunities are the 'what', but the aim is also to make recommendations on the 'how' and the 'who'.

#### **Workshop approach**

Robert O'Brien, CEO of Baronscourt is your workshop chair and round table presenter at the morning plenary. The facilitator is Dave Sifleet (WARP programme). After a short introduction, Robert will lead the workshop discussion on:

1. Which public sector communities offer the greatest opportunities for WARPs?
2. From this list, what are the opportunities and barriers to take up of WARPs?
3. How could the elements of the UK Cyber security strategy be used to help take WARPs forward?
4. Who should be involved to take this forward?
5. Recommendations on what the WARP programme should do within this topic.

The workshop only lasts an hour so it is suggested attention is given to just a few ideas, focussing on quality not quantity – one or two clear well thought through recommendations would be fine. Robert will provide a report back at the plenary and rapporteurs will document proceedings which will be posted on the WARP site.

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