

News digest & a look ahead to TD-Info Events

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Clearly, the current times remain really challenging. Our best wishes continue to be with all who are involved with the implications from Covid-19 - which includes all of us in the widest sense. However, we especially appreciate those more directly involved in responding to the repercussions of Covid-19, not least Whole Force personnel, whose expertise and commitment are delivering valuable effect.

TD-Info is continuing to support our members, having moved to working online as our 'new normal', for the time being. As such, we provide opportunities for members to gain value through continuity of engagements with MOD partners, and with peers and colleagues in the Defence Enterprise during these challenging times. As an example, we recently coordinated, in conjunction with the MOD Defence Support Organisation, a series of 8 half-hour online sessions at lunchtimes on **Additive Manufacturing**. Any outputs from these are hosted and curated on our website, adding to our shared knowledge base.

We are progressing planning for our **Support Chain Seminar** Event on 23/24 September, scheduled to be held at the STEAM Museum, Swindon. With plenty of MOD and Industry briefings scheduled, we have extended this to a 2-day event. See more details below.

Holding our meetings online means we sharpen our awareness of best practices for organising and participating securely and to optimum effect. So, it's worth repeating from our last bulletin that we have produced a short guide for **Online Meetings - Best Practice**. We reference a recent National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) guide on [Video conferencing services: security guidance for organisations](#) and a [NCSC Videoconferencing infographic](#). More...

We look forward to working with you via online meetings and, where appropriate, via our TD-Info Share collaboration tool (running on Kahootz). **As always, keep safe and well.**

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Support Chain Seminar Event 23/24 September – Now a 2-day event to allow more opportunities for MOD briefings (e.g. from the CDLS & CIO areas of responsibility) at a time of significant transformation; and from Industry partners too. The SCS20 theme is '**Digital Support in Defence**' with Day 1: Optimisation in the Near-term and Day 2: Innovation Transformation for the Future. TD-Info coordinates this event with joint MOD/Industry planning. There are opportunities for companies to **exhibit** and **sponsor** at SCS20. To find out more please contact **TD-Info**.

Lunch-time Webinars re LOGNET Sub-Groups – Between 27 and 30 April, eight lunchtime webinars were held on **Additive Manufacturing (AdM)** in Support (on the AdM webpage, click on Diary Dates, Contacts and More Information to see these as past events). These webinars updated on fast-moving, innovative developments in this area. Look out for future webinars on all four of the SWGs via our website Calendar **AdM** (as mentioned), **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, **Robotics & Automation (RAS)** and (recently added) **Sustainable Defence Support**. You are invited to host webinars on these topics - please contact **Steve Green**, facilitator for these Sub-working Groups

JIG MODCloud Workshop This took place on 30 April as a follow-up to the initial workshop held in February involving industry and MOD representatives. Fortunately, the MOD Team were able to take a break from their Covid-19 commitments and participated in the session and all those present were able to contribute a Team Defence perspective towards a future MODCloud platform to serve the collective 'Team Defence' Ecosystem requirements. [More...](#)

Please complete Survey on Skype for Business (Microsoft Teams) to Assist TD-Info Project This TD-Info project aims to increase exploitation of Skype/Microsoft Teams for virtual meetings, instant messaging and presence across Team Defence as a whole. To leverage the use and benefits of Skype/Microsoft Teams more widely, e.g. working across the Supply Chain, requires design and implementation of Skype/Teams federation models to enable simplified, secure connectivity between organisations. Click [here](#) to go to the online survey. Or read [more...](#)

LOGNET Presentations Now Available Please go to our website under the **LOGNET Event page** to view the list of available slide decks and speaker transcripts. As any more are received, they will be added. Also, there is a set of documents from Exhibitors at LOGNET under the heading **LOGNET 20 Exhibitor Literature** [More...](#)

JIG Town Hall – 1st Online Version on 27 April This JIG Town Hall was run for the first time as a Virtual Event. Attended by almost 60 representatives and chaired by Air Commodore David Rowland, this event's underlying theme was about maintaining business continuity in the drastically changed circumstances resulting from Covid-19. It enabled valuable briefings on a wide range of topics, and was well-received. [More...](#)

Forecasting & Resource Planning (F&RP) Working Group: 1st meeting TD-Info convened an **inaugural F&RP meeting** on 26th March. This follows from Lt Gen Richard Wardlaw and AVM Richard Hill announcing (at LOGNET) MOD's intention to collaborate more closely with industry on F&RP. Learn about future F&RP meetings & how to get involved [HERE](#)

Workshops from DI20 held virtually as 'DI20v' Following the necessary cancellation of the Defence Information Conference (DI20) this year, TD-Info ran a series of successful Virtual Workshops, podcasts and presentations.

The Defence Support Organisation stands-up under Strategic Command In total, around 60,000 people work in Support across Defence. The Defence Support Organisation was stood up on 1 April 2020 and brings together 600 staff from across Defence. It is led by 3* Chief of Defence Logistics and Support (CDLS), Lieutenant General Richard Wardlaw. There are 3 Pillars: Support Operations, Support Transformation & Joint Support. Read more from this MOD notice about some of the "big ambitions for Support". [More...](#)

How is the Aerospace and Defence Industry Fighting COVID? – A Virtual Conference held on 24 April The JIG-V, in collaboration with the RAeS, RUSI, AFCEA and ADS Group, as part of the [Young Professionals in Defence \(YPD\)](#) Network, held (24 April) a virtual conference to look at how the industry is responding to the on-going COVID challenges. [Read more...](#)

Sustainable Defence Support Sub-Working Group (SDSp SWG) - Register your interest now The SDSp SWG - announced at the LOGNET Event in March 2020 - aims to guide an accelerated development and exploitation path for a sustainable, circular economy and carbon reduction activities across Defence Support. Its work will promote collaboration and mutually beneficial outcomes in the development of a sustainable Defence Support Network, the wider stakeholder touchpoints and Defence's realisation of Net Zero 2050 (NZ50) targets. [More...](#)

Major General Tom Copinger-Symes CBE - Future of digitisation in the MOD One in our growing collection of [TD-Info Podcasts](#). Topics Tom addressed included his role in the new UK Strategic Command and the key part culture plays in the implementation of new technologies. Listen on Apple [here](#) and on Spotify [here](#) or via a web browser [here](#). Another recently added podcast you'll see listed is an interview

with the James Turing, MD of the [Turing Trust](#), they recycle ICT equipment from companies to send to schools in Africa

Human Factors research Framework to the MOD & wider Government – Use HSSRC services &/or Apply to Join The Human Social Science Research Capability (HSSRC) Framework (awarded to BAE Systems as Prime Contractor) will provide Human and Social Science research to the MOD and other Government departments. This Framework enables customers to commission defence research and advisory tasks across six technical themes, utilising a diverse supplier network of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), Universities and Industries. Learn how to **make use of the HSSRC services &/or apply to be part of the Framework More...**

Acronym App for Defence It's designed to help with 'decoding' the vast number of acronyms used in the defence industry. The App has been designed and developed by members of the [JIG-Vanguard](#) (JIG-V) community working as part of the 'Mobile Apps' strand and will be evolved. Try it out! [More...](#)

New Key Words Added to Website We have added the following Key words to correspond with recent significant organisational changes made by the MOD: [Strategic Command](#), [Defence Support Organisation](#), [Defence Digital](#) and [Defence Digital: Service Delivery and Operations \(SDO\) \(formerly ISS\)](#). Also, we are using Key Word : [Covid-19 - Defence Implications](#)

MOD leads cross-government review into the UK's defence and security industrial strategy "The review will identify how the government can take a more strategic approach to ensure competitive, innovative and world-class defence and security industries. It will also suggest how defence in particular might better drive investment and prosperity across the UK." [More...](#)

Defence Digital Commercial Marketplace Digest – Publishing Weekly This news digest is produced by the MOD's Defence Digital Commercial Continuous Improvement Team, for MOD 'customers' (including Industry) via TD-Info. All future (and previous) issues can be found under the keyword [Defence Digital Commercial Marketplace Digest](#)

Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) Webinar – This took place on 1 April – see details [here](#). This session showed that software demos with Q&A can be highly effective. We appreciated the efforts of those involved and look forward to other webinars in future. Please contact [Steve Green](#) with suggestions.

TD-Info provides 'front-door' for further LOGNET Engagement In the closing remarks to the recent [LOGNET event](#), and in response to questions on how Industry can engage, Capt Damian Exworthy, RN (Def Log-Strat-CFD-AH) asked that enquiries relating to future engagement and involvement in supporting MOD/Industry joint sub-working groups and transformational activities should be via TD-Info: please contact [Kevin Atkins](#).

Staff changes at TD-Info As of 1st May, we welcome two new [members of staff](#) at TD-Info [Will Touhy](#), seconded from BAE Systems, joins as Collaboration Programme Manager. He takes over from **Sean Conway** who is returning to a role in BAE Systems. Our grateful thanks and appreciation for Sean's work over the past 2 years; we wish him well and look forward to keeping in contact.

We also welcome [Bob Simpson](#) whose career began as an engineering officer in the RAF followed by 20 years working for major IT systems integration companies. Bob brings a wealth of experience delivering secure cloud computing services and complex digital transformation programmes. Bob will initially focus on communications, taking over from **Carl Billson** who retires from TD-Info. Carl is off to explore some [Unsolicited Advice](#) and wishes to thank heartily all colleagues and contacts he's had the pleasure of working with during his time at TD-Info (and under its previous guise as 'UKCeB').

Update to Defence Instruction Notice (DIN) on rules governing contacts between MOD & Media This Defence Instruction Notice (DIN) - updated 20 April 2022 - is about 'Contact with the media and communicating in public (2020DIN03-005)'. It provides guidance on 'rules governing contacts between all MOD personnel and the media, and for writing or speaking in public'. [More...](#)

Procurement Policy Note 02/20: Supplier relief due to COVID-19 This Procurement Policy Note (PPN) sets out information and guidance for public bodies on payment of their suppliers to ensure service continuity during and after the current coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak. There is a list of documents (as of 2 April 2020) on the gov.uk website. [More...](#)

Standards: ISO sub-committee for Industrial Data ISO/TC184/SC4 The International Standards Organisation (ISO) sub-committee for Industrial Data - ISO/TC184/SC4 - has in SC4 an extensive portfolio that includes STEP (Standard for the Exchange of Product Model Data), PLCS (Product Life Cycle Support) and ISO 8000 (Data Quality). A new website explains all. [More...](#)

Managing Data Quality: A Practical Guide – new book Tim King, is co-author of this newly published book, is the Delivery Continuity Executive working with the TD-Info Task Force on behalf on the Defence Suppliers Forum. Since 2006, Tim has been convenor of a working group that has developed ISO 8000, the international standard for data quality. [More...](#)

TD-Info members can obtain 15% discount for Defence iQ Events TD-info members can use a discount code when booking for the following events organised by **Defence iQ**: [Hypersonic Weapon Systems: Online Only](#) (30th June - 1st July); [Big Data for Defence 2020](#) (16 – 18 September) & [Disruptive Technology for Defence Transformation](#) (16 – 18 September). TD-Info is a media partner at these sessions.

REMINDER: Use email (not regular ‘snail mail’ post) as 1st choice to contact TD-Info during the Covid-19 lockdown This relates mostly to correspondence with our finance colleagues as our office is closed and post is collected periodically. [More...](#)

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TD-Info Calendar for May & June 2020 (check website Calendar for details of how to join online sessions; list subject to additions and change)

- 6th May JIG Engagement Team
- 12th May Trading Forum Meeting
- 13th May JISCOT & Def Stan 00-600 Working Group
- 14th May Information Security Forum
- 21st May DISCOG Engagement Group

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- *8th June Industry Customers Engagement Forum (ICEF)*
- *8th June DEFStan 00-600 Working Group*
- *10th June JIG Strategy Board*
- *11th June Supply Chain and Support Engineering Working Group (SCSEWG)*
- *16th June The Supportability Modelling & Analysis Working Group*
- *18th June Defence & Industry Support Chain Optimisation Group Town Hall Meeting*
- *23rd - 25th June **CANCELLED** - Simplified Technical English Course*
- *23rd June 2020 TD-Info Council Dinner*
- *30th June - 1st July 2020 Non TD-Info Event - Hypersonic Weapon Systems: Online Only*

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Documents recently published or updated on our website include:

- Virtual Meetings TD-Info Best Practice Ways of Working
- LOGNET 20 Slide decks & Transcripts of Presentations – those that have been made available
- CyDR Policy Document re Covid-19 - Virtual Working - 2020-03-20
- Skype For Business Project – various, including BAE Systems Skype Federation Agreement
- Exhibitor Literature from LOGNET 20 – PEGA, Kahootz, LanciaConsult
- TD-Info Slide Pack April 2020 (pdf format)
- ICEF 27 April 2020 – Meeting slide pack & ICEF Risk Register
- Defence Digital Commercial Marketplace Digest – weekly editions
- Additive Manufacturing Lunchtime Webinars April 2020
- Army Additive Manufacturing Cap Inv Webinar Update
- Sustainable Defence Support Sub-Working Group (SDSp SWG) ToRs & SDSpSWG Sustainable Defence Support Implications Paper - Task Mandate
- Delivering Sustainable Military Support in the Future Energy Environment (V0.2) & Information Note Update
- Human Social Science Research Capability (HSSRC) Framework
- MOD Cloud - 12th Feb Pack
- JIG Town Hall Agenda
- ISN Requirements for Remote Working
- Discount Codes for Defence IQ events where TD-Info is a Media Partner

Where can I find these and other recent documents? Use the Search function (find this at the top right of the Home screen) which only appears after you have Signed-In. To find all the documents published on our website from, say, April 1st, 2020 to now, edit the search parameters to your needs. In this case, edit the date Added On/After to 1 April 2020 and the Added On/Before to today's date.

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