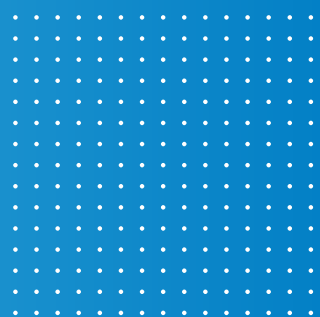


Defence Programme

The Defence Programme works to help the UK's Defence technology sector align itself with the MOD, specifically with the department's Defence Digital organisation. The Programme aims to help the sector remain at the forefront of technology exploitation. Our members play a vital role in supporting the MOD to procure digital technologies in a way that generates added value for end-users across the Defence ecosystem, from internal business functions to frontline operations.

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2021 Achievements

Accessing and influencing key decision makers across MOD for members

In 2021, the Defence Programme worked closely with various stakeholders across the MOD, helping techUK members to affect positive change in several areas. A particular highlight was the continuing expansion to over 100 individual company signatories to the Code of Practice for collaboration, developed by techUK in partnership with Defence Digital. The success of the Code of Practice was also recognised by an award from the Institute for Collaborative Working.

Visibility of future business opportunities and understanding strategic direction of investment

In 2021, techUK's Defence Programme held a record number of briefings to bring members together with a broad range of MOD stakeholders. We ran sessions with senior leaders in Strategic Command, DE&S, Defence Digital, the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and British Army, giving members insight into the business priorities and capability investment choices in these organisations.

Representing members' views to the MOD and wider government on strategic policy issues

In 2021 techUK took on an active role in the Defence Suppliers Forum, helping to establish and run a new digital workstream to address technology specific concerns in the sector. techUK also contributed to the development and recommendations set out in the MOD's SME Action Plan.

2022 Objectives

Shaping policy and influencing the development and implementation of strategies

The Defence Programme will champion members through techUK's relationships with policy makers within the MOD and wider government. We will ensure the unique concerns of members are understood, primarily through our Defence and Security Board and through techUK's role as the lead trade association for digital in the joint MOD-industry [Defence Suppliers Forum](#).

Working with the MOD to develop the technology market in the sector

techUK will provide members with the opportunity to understand and shape future digital and technology procurements. Working with MOD's delivery organisations, in particular Defence Digital, techUK will give members access to a broad range of business opportunities, ranging from early market engagement sessions, updates on existing Programmes and new procurement launches.

Developing networks across the digital and technology community in Defence

The Defence Programme will provide opportunities for members and for the MOD customer to network and build on or develop new relationships. The Programme will facilitate a [mixture of fully virtual, hybrid and in person events](#) for our members and stakeholders to build their connections and understanding of challenges and opportunities in the sector.

National Security | A new focus in 2022

2022 Objectives

The National Security Programme will provide a forum for members and stakeholders to discuss key National Security issues and to help answer the question of how technology can be used to help the UK counter and mitigate a variety of threats. The Programme will leverage existing relationships with stakeholders across the three programmes of Defence, Cyber Security, and Justice and Emergency Services and will aim to build new relationships between techUK and key individuals/organisations who are of interest to members.

The initial focus of the Programme will be the implementation of the Defence Space Strategy, the National Security and Investment Act and its implications, protection of the UK's critical national infrastructure, counter-terror policing and secure mass communication between emergency services during responses to critical incidents, and finally, working closely with the Violence Against Woman and Girls taskforce.

The Programme will provide members with market engagement opportunities and access to stakeholders and potential customers across crucial security bodies and intelligence agencies. The Programme will also communicate relevant national security policy to members, ensuring they are given the opportunity to input and shape policy from a supplier's lens. Both objectives will be achieved through a variety of events, briefings and roundtable discussions alongside up-to-date insights on key developments within the sector and responses to consultations or calls for evidence.

Defence and national security

Working closely with the Defence Programme, the National Security Programme will focus on developing relationships with vital stakeholders in the defence sector, including, but not limited to, Strategic Command, Defence Intelligence, the MOD Space Directorate and Space Command. The National Security Programme will assist the Defence Programme in executing the ambitions laid out in the Integrated Review, the national security elements of the Defence and Security Industrial Strategy and the Defence Space Strategy.

National Security | A new focus in 2022

2022 Objectives (continued)

Justice, emergency services and national security

Partnering with the Justice and Emergency Services Programme, the National Security Programme will build on techUK's engagement with Counter Terrorism (CT) policing units, exploring issues of secure communications between emergency services' response to critical incidents and improvements to CT front-line officer training through adoption of emerging technologies. The National Security Programme will focus on developing relationships with the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC), Police Digital Service (PDS), National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) and finally the Joint Security and Resilience Centre (JSaRC) on matters of protective and border security.

Cyber security and national security

The National Security Programme will assist the Cyber Security Programme in helping members develop relationships and networks with key stakeholders such as National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), National Cyber Force (NCF) and Cabinet Office National Security Group. The application of national security elements of the National Cyber Strategy will be a strategic focus area, alongside Supply Chain Security and protection of the UK's critical national infrastructure.