Matthew Bishop (Microsoft)  
Fergal Bradley (Department of Health, Social Services and Public Services, Northern Ireland)  
John Carr (Children’s Charities’ Coalition on Internet Safety)  
Rachel Clark (Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)  
Wes Cull (NSPCC)  
Mike Galvin (BT)  
Jim Gamble (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre)  
Joe Godwin (BBC)  
Professor Sonia Livingstone (London School of Economics)  
Mary McLeod (Family and Parenting Institute)  
Mike Rawlinson (Entertainment Leisure Software Publishers Association)  
Stewart Purvis (Ofcom)  
Peter Robbins (Internet Watch Foundation)  
Dr Mike Short (O2)  
David Wheldon (Vodafone)  
Camille de Stempel (AOL Europe)  
Phil Raines (Scottish Government)  
Anne Stoker (Welsh Assembly Government)  
Jon Zeff (Department for Culture, Media and Sport)  

29 March 2010  

Dear members of the UKCCIS Executive Board,  

‘DO WE HAVE SAFER CHILDREN IN A DIGITAL WORLD?’ – REVIEW OF PROGRESS SINCE THE BYRON REVIEW (2008)  

Today Professor Tanya Byron published her review of the progress made since her 2008 report Safer Children in a Digital World. A copy of Professor Byron’s report is attached. In it she celebrates the world leading precedent which UKCCIS has set and the important advances we have made together, particularly around raising public awareness of how to keep children safe online and teaching children how to stay safe through improved digital safety education.  

As we move forward, Professor Byron is clear that our priority must be to deliver, without delay, what was set out in the UKCCIS Strategy in December. She also makes recommendations around how we should respond to the developments that have taken place since the 2008 Byron Review alongside a set of helpful recommendations for how we can work better as a Council to deliver real change for children, young people and families.
The Government welcomes this report and, because UKCCIS was founded on the principle of shared responsibility, we agree with Professor Byron that the UKCCIS Executive Board should decide on the best way to address her recommendations. Therefore we ask the Executive Board to consider the recommendations in today’s report and agree a response covering all of the recommendations by 31 July 2010.

We hope you will join us in welcoming the contribution which Professor Byron has made to this important debate. All children deserve to enjoy safely the unprecedented opportunities which new technologies present. We thank you for your considerable contribution to making UKCCIS a success, and for your engagement with Professor Byron’s review, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to build on our collective achievements and make children safer.

We are copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Delyth Morgan and Alan Campbell MP.

Yours sincerely,

ED BALLS MP
Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families

ALAN JOHNSON MP
Home Secretary