



2022 AGM – Liaison officer review of 2023

“I will reiterate and build upon some of what Tony has mentioned.

From the outset the ADVP mission and primary objective has been to promote the wider use of risk based electronic validation of documents used to assert identity across the public and private sectors. Within the immigration and more specifically the area of right to work, rent and study this has been well and truly achieved. We ended 2022 and began 2023 in the knowledge that the use of Identity Service Providers was firmly embedded in the developing UK Government Digital Identity and Attributes Trust Framework. Many of our members are certified IDSPs and therefore a major focus for the ADVP in 2023 was to help inform and evolve the use of IDSPs within the framework schemes, and see the continual growth of our industry.

We have maintained a relationship with a number of government, law enforcement and other industry bodies, but stepped back from driving the agenda on intelligence sharing in the hope that the work within the framework on fraud signal sharing would ignite and provide a basis for multi-sector, multi-agency sharing. The Department of Science, Innovation and Technology, DSIT, remains committed to delivering a fraud signal sharing solution.

In March we provided the Home Office with examples of types of share code intelligence and through individual member arrangements continue to provide real time intelligence to law enforcement. A six month intelligence report was also supplied to DSIT in relation to imposters using share codes, Irish ID Cards and expired UK passports.

In October DSIT again consulted with the ADVP in relation to our experience and view on the practicalities and issues relating to intelligence sharing and identity repair as it commenced its work in this area. This built on earlier advice to GDS regarding a legal framework for intelligence sharing. I hope to report on progress in this area as 2024 progresses.

Throughout 2023 we have provided feedback to DSIT and the Home Office on the beta testing of the trust framework models. This has included inconsistencies between certifying bodies and auditors, the interpretation and understanding of GPG454, and most recently, the accuracy of the list of certified IDSPs published on the government website. We maintain an open and healthy dialogue with those managing the work, and we have been reassured that our views and advice are well received and agreed with. Our relationship with government departments is strong and active, built on six years of relationship building and trust through the provision of solid and evidenced rationale and comment.

In April, as supervisory visits approached, we again wrote to DSIT expressing concern about the lack of clarity on the assessment of fraud signal sharing and received reassurance.

DSIT has set up more groups during 2023 to deal with issues within the trust framework, such as

- complaints mapping,
- the industry Partner Certification Working group,
- the Wallets and Personal Data Store Working group,
- a series of adoption sprints,
- and deep dive sessions.

We and/or our members have been invited to and attended all meetings. We have contributed to the thinking and direction of the work, and most importantly ensured we are best placed to protect our members interests as issues arise.

Throughout the year we have monitored government circulations, responding to consultations, and circulated relevant publications and correspondence to members for information and where appropriate feedback.

During the year we welcomed presentations to our meetings from speakers such as Carol Buttle from DSIT and Nick Mothershaw from the Open Identity Exchange. External speakers provide useful information and perspective for our members. We are fortunate that speakers from government, law enforcement and private industry recognise the worth of speaking to the ADVP and we will continue to welcome relevant presenters to meetings in 2024.

Recognising the importance of growing the ADVP membership to add weight to our engagement with the government and other bodies, we increased our efforts to raise our profile. Our Admin officer Kat delivered significant improvements to our website, our shop front.

We also massively increased our social media presence on LinkedIn, which is achieving large increases in followers of the ADVP.

Efforts to increase our profile, and one to one engagements, have proven successful with the recruitment of Digidentity and CDD Services to our ranks, and we will continue to make our profile and new members a priority in 2024.

Whilst there is still much more work to be done, I am proud of what the ADVP has achieved in terms of embedding the role of IDVT's in the immigration and 'Right to' area of identity validation over the last six years. Financial services is an area we need to focus on next to understand how that industry views the work of IDVTs within KYC and AML, and we have just commenced work to identify engagement opportunities to best place us for this area of identity business.

And that concludes my 2023 update."

