

This message is sent on behalf of the UAS Capability Development Centre (UAS CDC) Management Team to UAS CDC industry contacts

The second 1* Steering Group for the UAS CDC was held on 18th April, with representation from the Capability areas, the Front Line Commands, DE&S and Dstl.

Main Message: The UAS CDC Initial Operating Capability was established on 1 April and the CDC can now be contacted at CapJTES-TEUCDCCoord@mod.uk, or by telephoning 01980 66 3311.

The UAS CDC pilot will test the feasibility and benefits of establishing an intelligent customer function in the Test & Evaluation (T&E) space that provides access to independent, informed and holistic advice and solutions. It will serve the widest possible audience, from researchers to operators across MOD (all Services, warfare centres, development/evaluation units), Industry and Other Government Departments (OGD).

The purpose is not to take anyone's authority but to increase access to timely decision support by converging T&E into a sustainable, cost-effective enterprise by:

- Sharing knowledge;
- Identifying, explaining and spreading best practice; and
- Supporting rational enterprise decisions (make, buy, lease etc) e.g. maximising common investments across Defence

Critical Success Factors have been determined under the headlines of improved capability and increased efficiency for the UAS CDC as follows:

Goal: Recognised as evaluation partner for all UAS activity

- Efficiency (Doing more for less)
 - Better resource allocation to 'buy once, use many times'
 - Improved decision-making with respect to common core enablers'
 - Continuous improvement culture in UAS CDC delivery
 - Enable stakeholder access to improve time/cost/quality
- Capability (delivering more capability or better requirements)
 - Delivering agreed T&E roadmap
 - Connecting previously unconnected stakeholders
 - Deliver effective knowledge management
 - More consistent requirements capture and management

The Management Team is now working to produce detailed plans for the steering group on means of engagement with industry, OGDs and others (e.g. foreign Governments). A Non-Disclosure Agreement is in circulation with an initial set of industry contacts and a draft industry framework agreement is being prepared ready for bilateral discussions. Progress will be reported at the next Steering Group meeting, currently scheduled for 18th July, and we will issue an update after that meeting.

Update on Current Activities: The UAS CDC is answering research questions to inform Cap JTES thinking on future UAS T&E requirements. We have prepared an outline of what 'good T&E' looks like for UAS to support this work and to canvass industry requirements for future T&E capability. This will inform a UAS T&E roadmap. We have also delivered a report on the feasibility of a UAV experimentation environment to support the UAS pipeline, and supported other Dstl UAS-related programmes.



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