

Public Sector Information United Kingdom Agenda for PSI

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A simple vision:

"...that citizens, consumers and government can create, re-use and distribute information in ways that add maximum value."

Power of Information Review, 2007
Ed Mayo, Tom Steinberg

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2007/07/0405_power.aspx

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"This is the century of information."

Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP
British Prime Minister
October 2007

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/output/page13630.asp>

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Aim

Government knowledge without knowledge of government – making information easy to find, use, **share** and trade in.

...unlocking the potential of public sector information.

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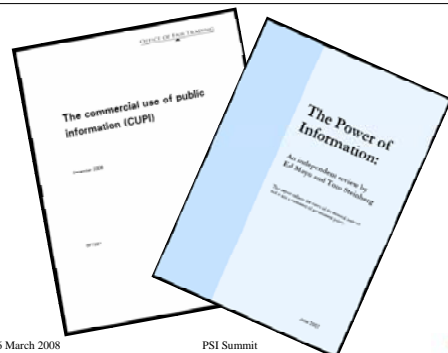


OPSI Objectives

- Lead and Transform information management
- Develop policy and advise on PSI re-use
- Lead compliance on PSI regulations
- Delivery of efficient and cost effective services
- e-services to facilitate and encourage re-use of PSI
- Delivery of cost effective official publishing services
- Facilitate UK wide access to PSI

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Office of Fair Trading

- Commercial Use of Public Information see http://www.oft.gov.uk/advice_and_resources/resource_base/market-studies/public-information
- Published December 2006
- Government Response to the OFT Study June 2007 <http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file39966.pdf>
- Implications
- Challenges

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Cabinet Office

- Power of Information: an independent review by Tom Steinberg and Ed Mayo (POIR) see http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/upload/assets/www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/strategy/power_information.pdf
- Published June 2007
- Government Response to POIR June 2007 <http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm71/7157/7157.pdf>
- Opportunities
- Challenges

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Current UK Position

- Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations S.I. 2005 No. 1515
- Guide to Best Practice and related advice/case studies www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm
- Information Fair Trader Scheme
- Advisory Panel on Public sector Information (APPSI)
- PSI Click-Use Licence

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Information Fair Trader Scheme

- **Full IFTS Accreditation**
 - full onsite verification of information traders
- **IFTS Online Assessment**
 - flexible online assessment process www.opsi.gov.uk/ifts/index.htm
- guidance on how to comply with the Regulations



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- Expertise and specialist advice
- Focus for producers and users of PSI
- Annual reports
- Independent PSI voice
- Review role in complaints

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PSI Click-Use Licence

- Over 14,000 Click-Use Licences taken out
 - Click-Use Licence is worldwide
 - PSI licence launched July 2005
 - Westminster Parliament version launched August 2005
- <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/click-use/index.htm>

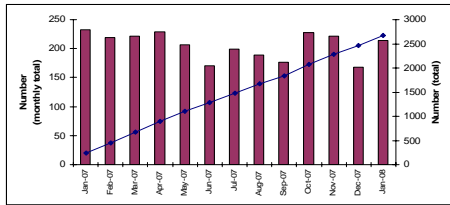


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UK Implementation Report

- Published July 2007
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/uk-implementation-first-years.pdf>
- Tracking Progress
<http://www.epsplus.net>

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Provide and Enable

The Web

- provides unique opportunities to provide personalised services
 - enables new forms of social collaboration
 - enables development products and services
- “Provide and enable” brings these strands together

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How do we enable?

- PSI solutions from research
- The relationship between information and knowledge
- Layering and automatic tools
- Searching, connecting



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PSI and Semantic Web

- Knowledge of what is available helps shape demand e.g. tools such as IAR
- To free up access to official information
- Collection of information and combination of information ➡ useful information
- Potential for PSI to be re-used in interesting and innovative ways

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Re-using information in flexible ways



Drives market innovation

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Successes

- Central PSI organisation for UK
- Click-Use online licensing
- Information Fair Trader Scheme
- Advisory Panel on PSI
- Complaints and mediation
- PSI research activity

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Challenges

- Different PSI trading models across public sector
- Debate over “public task” definition
- No legal obligation
- Resources for OPSI
- Awareness and impact

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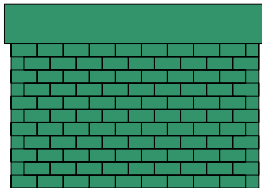


Barriers to re-use

Is the information in a re-useable form?

Can I re-use it?

What's available?



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	Policy in place	Policy initiatives under active consideration or development
Is the information in a re-useable form?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to unrefined data (Office of Fair Trading recommendation) • Data mashing laboratory (Department for Transport initiative) • Public available research space for PSI in RDF (UoS-OPSI) • Re-users “format” request website (Power of Information)
Can I re-use it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver of copyright on UK government websites • Click-Use licensing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free non-commercial re-use licences (Power of Information) • OpenSpace (Ordnance Survey) • Click-Use web services
What's available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Information published on the web • Information Asset Registers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Forum (Sept 2007) – PSI Enquiry Service

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New Initiatives for 2008

- PSI discussion forum
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/forums/forums/index.asp>
- PSI web channel for re-use requests
- Links to national audit bodies
- Increased collaboration with UK Office of Fair Trading

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New Initiatives for 2008 (continued)

- Spot audits
- Focus on government reviews
- Economic study on charging models
- Review of European Directive on Public Sector Information

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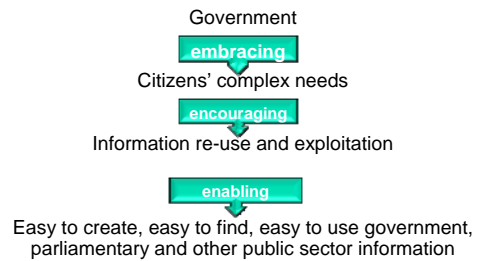


OECD

- OECD Ministerial Seoul June 2008
- Future of Internet Economy
- PSI and internet can increase social welfare and boost the economy
- Opportunities for users to develop value-added products and services
- Access to PSI to stimulate innovation

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