



Information Security  
Specialist Group

## **Secretary's report 2023**

In my second year as ISSG Secretary, I am extremely pleased to report another very successful and active year for the group.

Your committee held 4 Committee meetings since the last AGM in November 2023 (Jan, Mar, June, Sep) and 3 Horizon meetings, all of which were well represented and supported by committee members. The Horizon meeting is specific to the organisation of events and future planning of themes for the group.

We all lead busy lives and so all the Committee and Horizon meetings are held online which is proving very successful as we are well spread across the UK.

Our events cover a wide range of topics and are always well attended. The main event of the year was our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary where we held a celebration meeting at the BCS London offices and we had an attendance of over 80 persons and in addition we had the widow and daughter of the late David Lindsey and Phil Phillips who talked about the founding of the ISSG prior to its merger with the BCS and how it was initially formed to network with other security advisors in the public sector. There were also several fireside chats about current security issues. Our key note speaker being Sarah Armstrong Smith of Chief Security Advisor at Microsoft. All ISSG events are organised and run by committee members.

I would like to thank the Member Groups team at BCS HQ, and particularly our co-ordinator Marie Setterfield for her incredible support throughout the year. Much of the work in administering and organising events is carried out for us by Marie and the rest of the Member Groups team, without which, many things simply wouldn't have happened

I would also like to thank Steve Sands our Chair, for his assistance this year and for the whole of the Committee in making my job easier. Our Chair, has undertaken a lot this year to ensure the ISSG reflects what you, the membership, wish to see and hear about and we are always grateful for any feedback on what events you are looking see going forward by the ISSG.

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