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Intellect Information Sharing and Government group meeting

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Intellect Conference Suite, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5EE

Speakers: Carol Tullo, Director of Information Policy and Services at the Office of Public Sector Information and Tom Steinberg, co-author of The Power Of Information

Carol Tullo presented a piece around unlocking the potential of public sector information (PSI). She also discussed the role and function of the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) which aims to lead and transform information management and guarantee the survival of today's information. It develops policy and advises on PSI re-use, it leads compliance on PSI regulations, facilitates UK wide access to public sector information and develops e-services to facilitate and encourage re-use of PSI.

Tom Steinberg's outlined his most recent publication, 'The Power of Information' which was co authored with Ed Mayo and the Strategy Unit. The report was commissioned to ensure government acts as a leader in understanding changes in communication and information technology. The report talks about a new era, where government starts to learn how to support citizens' own ways of making, finding and re-using information online. The report concluded that there is value in using PSI, but that at present, PSI is collected but not used for any benefit.