

**FIRST MEETING OF THE INFORMATION RIGHTS USER GROUP,
8 JUNE 2006 AT THE DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS,
SELBORNE HOUSE, VICTORIA, LONDON SW1**

Chair: Baroness Ashton

Attendees: Steve Bailey, JISC, University of Bristol
Jane Bacot-Kilpatrick, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Strategic Health
Authority

Paul Bettison, Leader Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Peter Bottomley MP
Judith Cullen, Head of Environmental Information Unit, DEFRA
Maurice Frankel, Campaign for Freedom of Information
Professor Robert Hazell, University College London Constitution Unit
Rosemary Jay, Pinsent Masons
Anthony Kenny, Intellect UK
Lord Lester of Herne Hill
Bob Satchwell, Society of Editors
Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner

Apologies: John Hipwood, Chairman of the Press Lobby
Adrian Pollitt, Head of the Office of Strategic Health Authorities
Ian Readhead, Deputy Chief Constable, Hampshire Constabulary

Action points:

1. It was agreed the main purpose of the Group was to advise on the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act; to help identify what was working well, highlight obstacles to good practice and make suggestions for overcoming these obstacles.
2. The following items were agreed for discussion at the next meeting:-
 - i) The role of the Clearing House
 - ii) Dealing with commercial information requests in Local Government and the NHS
 - iii) The use of Publication schemes

The group will meet again in July.