

Martin Bellingham – DUG Conference 2008 – Panel session

Key Points

I believe that in order to make progress in a lot of the issues that we discussed here today that we need to consider the following key areas:

Communication:

We need to let government departments know what data we want and in what form we want it as this will help identify opportunities for producing it. We also need to get better at telling others about our successes where we have gained value by working together.

Collaboration

As has been shown in presentations at previous DUG conferences (Tesco/ONS, Yell-IDBR), the partnership approach really can work and deliver benefits to both parties – we all should be always be thinking outside our sectors and seeking to develop partnerships.

Prioritisation

By communicating priorities for data we can show what we really need and so help resource-strapped units in both the public and private sector deliver them in the order of need.

We also need to consider the progress of discussions that have taken place today, and in the past, at previous DUG conferences, to make sure that progress is being made.

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