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# What is the CRC Network?

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dialogue

# Police led, business focused cyber support organisation

Helping businesses and third-sector organisations become more secure through knowledge sharing, training, and guidance.



# The role of the National Ambassadors



- Collaboration with senior law enforcement and government to inform on national developments on cyber resilience
- Sharing of threat intelligence to reduce the risk posed by cyber criminals
- Working closely with policing to reduce risks to supply chains, customer bases and micro, small and medium sized organisations (SMEs)
- Assisting in the development of the cyber talent pipeline

# CRC Network



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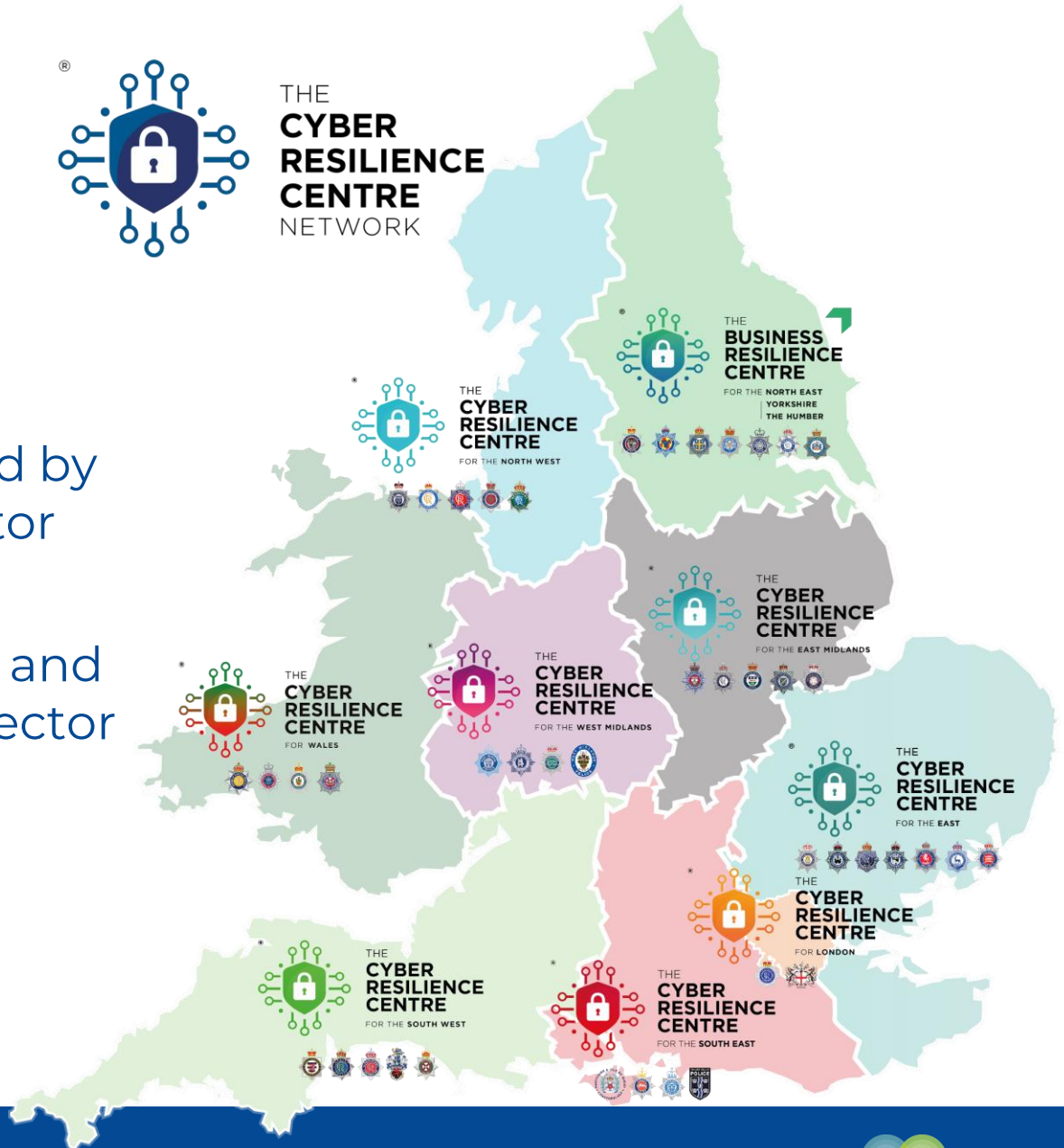


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- An organisation funded and supported by Home Office, policing and private sector partners
- Cyber support and guidance for small and medium sized businesses and third sector organisations
- A range of fully funded cyber services
- Real-life work experience for students



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# What your customers will receive



## Real people offering real support

The teams at each CRC not only offer an initial 30-minute 1-2-1 consultation, they are also available to support members' events, such as **webinars, networking events, and community engagement.**



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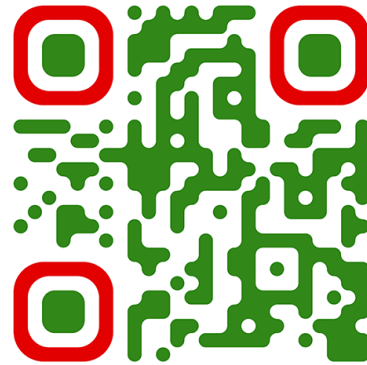


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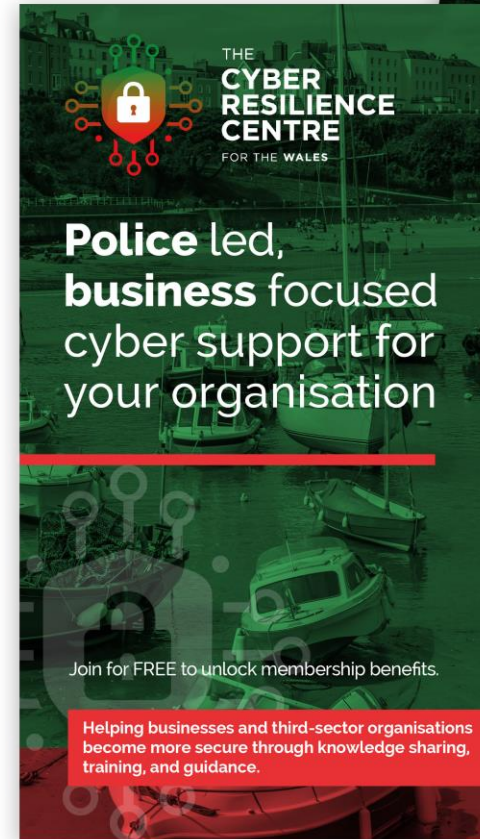
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# Collaborating with the Welsh Government



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**SMEs in Wales form the backbone of regional supply chains.**

**As these supply chains become increasingly dependent on digital systems, interconnected suppliers, and third-party platforms, they face growing exposure to cyber incidents that can disrupt operations, compromise safety, and impact the wider Welsh economy.**

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- Collaboration among Welsh Government, the Wales Cyber Resilience Centre (WCRC), and the Wales Cyber Police Protect Network
- Raise awareness, strengthen cyber resilience across the Welsh SME community.
- Help SMEs to understand supply-chain cyber risks and adopt achievable, low-cost improvements
- Delivered over six months, the project will generate measurable impact, support economic resilience and contribute to national objectives around digital skills, business continuity, and supply-chain security.

# How we can help Children's Homes

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Children's homes hold some of the most sensitive data in the UK, personal histories, safeguarding information, medical details, and daily records of vulnerable young people. This makes them a prime target for cybercriminals.

The WCRC helps protect children's homes by strengthening their cyber resilience in simple, practical, and affordable ways.

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## Why It Matters

A cyber incident in a children's home can:

- Expose a child's location or personal history
- Disrupt care operations
- Damage trust with regulators and local authorities
- Put vulnerable young people at risk
- The WCRC helps prevent this by giving children's homes the tools, training, and support they need to stay safe.

# The Cyber Resilience Centre Network



- Membership is free and starts SMEs on a 16-part journey towards better cyber resilience
- Guiding them to trusted resources
- Encouraging them to adopt Cyber Essentials as a minimum standard
- Helping them protect themselves and those in their supply chains



Thank you for choosing to become a member of our community at The South East Cyber Resilience Centre. And congratulations, whether you knew it or not, you have already taken the most significant step you will ever be asked to take in your cyber resilience journey!



Joining us indicates an acceptance that your business could be the subject of a cyber attack and that you appreciate no organisation is safe from cybercrime or the attention of cybercriminals.

Implementing behavioural change is the most significant step you can take to improve your cyber resilience. The security of your organisation's online assets must become normal behaviour in the same way you protect and secure your business premises.

We want to be **your partner** on this journey.

# CRC membership includes:



## Security Awareness Training

Ensure their team is cyber-aware, and doing the right things to protect themselves and the organisation



1-2-1 security discussion with a member of the CRC team to review their business's cyber resilience



## A Board Toolkit

Designed to support essential cyber security discussions between the board/trustees and the technical experts.



## Access to a range of fully funded Cyber PATH services

Cyber PATH provides services specifically designed for SMEs and third-sector organisations.



## Signposting to free, trusted guidance

We provide details about where to go for free and highly trusted support and guidance; much of which is sector and industry-specific.



## Exercise in a Box

A suite of preparedness exercises based on real-world scenarios to test your organisational responses.



## Monthly Newsletter

To keep you updated with current threats and what to look out for.



## Invitations

To webinars, drop-in surgeries, networking events and conferences.

# Cyber PATH: Developing the cyber talent pipeline



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- Currently working with 29 universities
- Students are provided with paid real-world workplace experience
- Students can explore cyber as a rewarding career path
- 100+ students are on, or have completed, the Cyber PATH Programme
- Until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, 559 days of real-world work experience had been delivered
- Many students are now working in cyber roles in policing and the private sector



Sapphire Little  
Former Cyber PATH student now working full-time  
in cyber with Eastern CRC

# Cyber PATH students provide a range of services



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## Security Awareness Training

Staff training for those with little or no cyber security or technical knowledge.



## Microsoft 365 Service

Reviews your Microsoft 365 configuration to identify any flaws and weaknesses in your organisation's set up.



## First Step Web Assessment

Provides you with an initial assessment of your website to highlight its most pressing vulnerabilities.



## Internet Discovery Service

Comprehensive review of publicly available information about any potential or existing employee.



## Internal Vulnerability Assessment

Scan and review your internal networks and systems looking for vulnerabilities.



## Cyber Business Continuity Review

A thorough review of your business continuity plan and overall resilience to cyber attacks.



## External Vulnerability Assessment

Focuses on identifying weaknesses in the way your organisation connects to the internet.



## Cyber Security Policy Review

An in-depth review of how your current cyber security policy is written and implemented.



## Web Application Assessment

This service assesses your website and web services for weaknesses.



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# Why is SME cyber resilience important to enterprise organisations?



# Why focus on reaching the SME community?

## Key Facts

50%	 <p>Online Fraud and Cybercrime equates for 50% of all recorded crime in England and Wales</p>	75%	 <p>65% of cyber crime victims ascribe phishing as the most disruptive type of breach</p>
41%	 <p>41% of health or care organisations fell victim to cybercrime in last 12 months</p>	£9.5K	 <p>A successful cyber security breach could result in costs of around £9528 for micro/small businesses</p>
75%	 <p>The most common type of cyberattack was phishing attempts (75%)</p>	45m	 <p>45m reported scams as of August 2025</p>

Stats from the UK Cyber Breaches Survey 2025

# Why focus on reaching the SME community?

- Most enterprise organisations have multiple SMEs in their supply chain
- Businesses are only as strong as their weakest link
- SMEs are potentially your weakest link because:
  - they don't have in-house resources and expertise
  - they are time poor
  - they don't believe they are at risk
  - they don't know what they don't know!
- Nationwide is running supply chain campaigns



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## Join us in enhancing your cyber resilience

At Nationwide we believe in acting proactively to protect our customer services and data. We are committed to enhancing supply chain security by promoting the Cyber Essentials scheme. We want to support our SME suppliers in placing Cyber Essentials at the heart of their security and resilience activities.

We are working with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) and other banks to play our part in increasing cyber resilience across UK financial services.

We are delivering a programme of communications to you as part of an identified group of around two hundred of our SME suppliers. We want to grow our Cyber Essentials relationship with you by sharing routes to access valuable information and support for your business, as well as inviting you to future events and opportunities to access specific support from Nationwide.

We work with trusted organisations to help make our supply chain more resilient to cyber threats, ensuring they can thrive in an increasingly digital world.

We are a National Ambassador of The National Cyber Resilience Centre Group (NCRCG) - a collaboration between the police, government, academic institutions and private sector organisations to help strengthen cyber resilience across the UK's small and medium-sized businesses.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the NCRCG arms business owners with the skills and resources to better defend their organisations.

**Joining your nearest participating Cyber Resilience Centre will better arm you against cyber threats.**

Every organisation in this country is a potential target for cybercriminals - whatever its size, location or sector. However, it's often smaller organisations without dedicated IT security personnel that bear the brunt of cybercrime.

To combat this, the NCRCG has established regional Cyber Resilience Centres (CRCs) located across England and Wales, offering on-the-ground regional support to help businesses like yours strengthen their cyber resilience and better protect themselves and their supply chain against cybercrime.

**Core membership is FREE and includes:**

- A free 30-minute resilience review on your current cyber setup
- Access to free resources, tools and guidance designed to help your business start its cyber resilience journey
- A Board Toolkit designed to encourage essential cyber security discussions between your board and technical experts
- 10 Steps to Cyber Security - an exploration of the key components to help you break down the task of protecting your business
- Exercises in a box - a suite of preparedness exercises based on real-world scenarios to test your organisational responses
- Invites to a programme of webinars, roadshows and conferences in your region
- A monthly newsletter to help you tackle online risks relevant to smaller organisations.

The Cyber Resilience Centres are trusted resources and offer you a gateway to meeting the government's IASME Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus Certification.

**JOIN NOW, it's FREE!**

First Name\*  Last Name\*

Email\*  Postcode\*

Company Name\*  Phone Number\*

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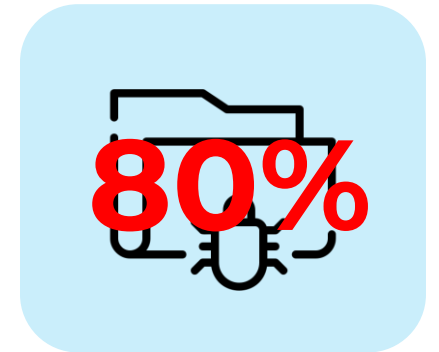
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I agree to receive other communications from the National and Regional CRC Group.

By clicking 'Sign up now' you confirm that you have read, understood and agree to the National Cyber Resilience Centre Group's Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions.

# Case Study – Manufacturing business almost had to throw in the towel

A medium-sized manufacturing company operating under a hybrid working model experienced a major cyber incident that severely impacted both its IT infrastructure and production capability.



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## Impact:

- Loss of critical business data
- Significant operational downtime
- Halting of production
- Financial and reputational damage



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## Remedial Measures (with WCRC Support):

With guidance from the Wales Cyber Resilience Centre, the business identified several key actions to prevent a recurrence:

- Staff Cyber Awareness Training
- Anti-Malware and Endpoint Protection
- Network Segmentation
- Device Monitoring and Access Control
- Engagement with the WCRC



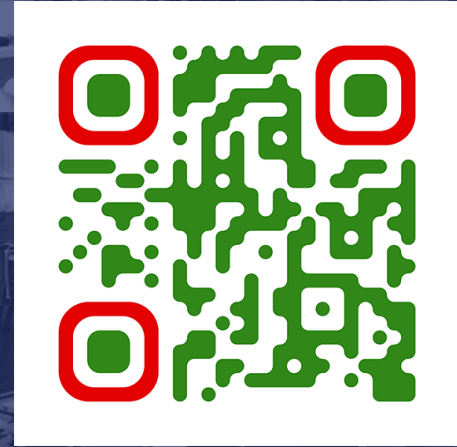


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If you think your knowledge and skills could help in your local community contact;

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Thank you for listening

Any questions?

