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



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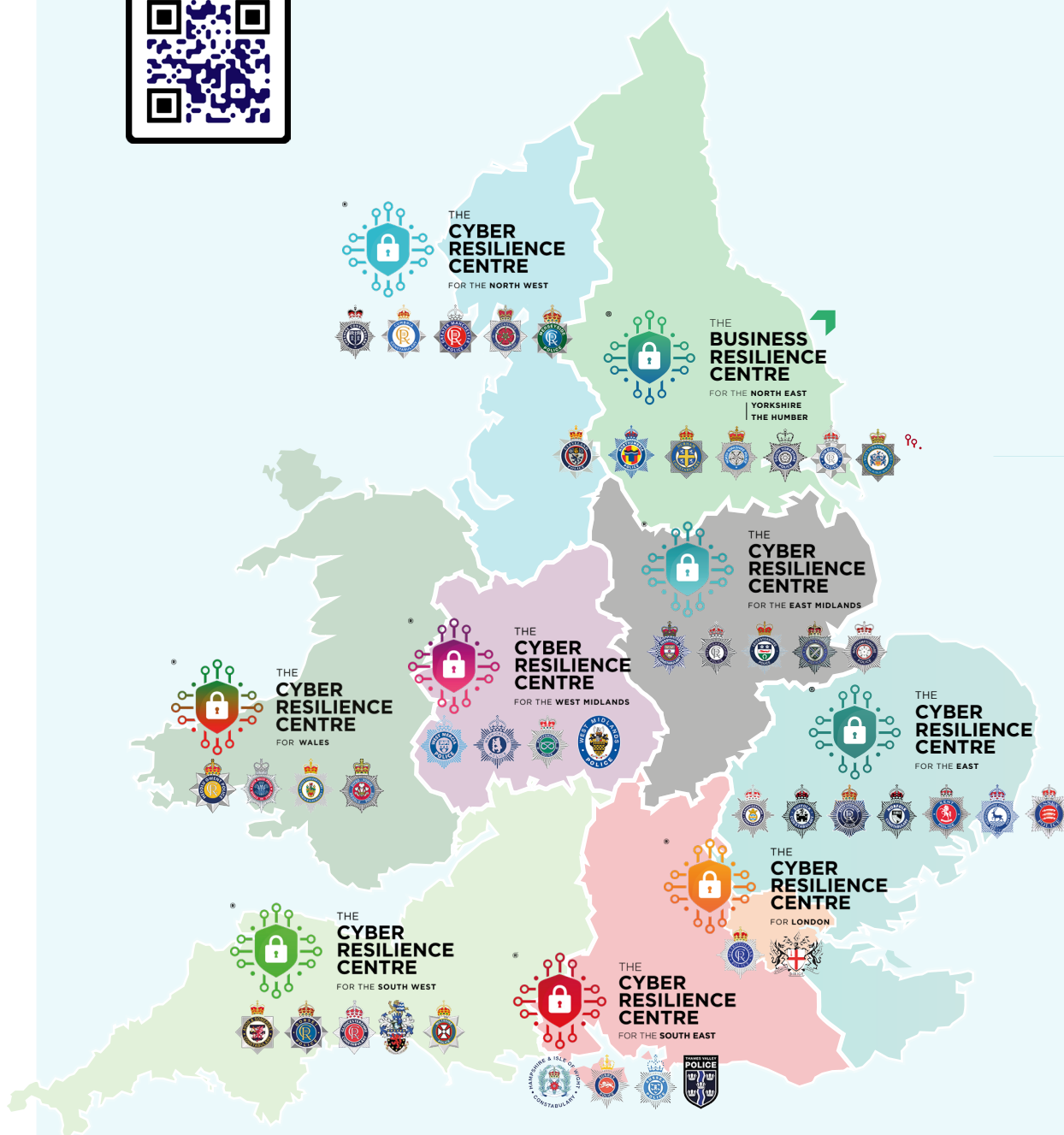
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A network of police-led centres across England and Wales

Joining a CRC is easy and quick, scan the QR code below to find your nearest centre.



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Why join a Cyber Resilience Centre?

All businesses, and third sector organisations, must accept that regardless of size, sector or location, they have an obligation to protect themselves, which, in turn, helps protect all of the other businesses they deal with.

Every Cyber Resilience Centre (CRC) helps SMEs increase their cyber awareness and security. By signing up with a CRC, you will be taking positive steps on a journey to make your organisation safer online.

By joining a CRC, you will be able to access a range of **fully funded training courses** and **services**, and **support** for all things cyber. Moreover, you will be joining a network of like-minded business owners who are committed to reducing online risk. We regularly host events and seminars and share local, national and international cyber threats and trends.

Signing up with a CRC entitles you to:

- Access to fully funded Security Awareness Training**
Ensure your team are cyber-aware and doing the right things to protect themselves, their colleagues and your business.



Access to a range of fully funded Cyber PATH services

Cyber PATH provides services specifically designed for SMEs and third-sector organisations. See Page 4 for details.



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.



1-2-1 security discussion with a member of the CRC team

To review your business's cyber resilience.



Monthly Newsletter

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



A Board Toolkit

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



Exercise in a Box

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



Invitations

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





Fully funded services

Our Cyber PATH programme delivers a range of fully funded cyber services specially created to support SMEs and third-sector organisations.

Through the Cyber PATH programme, each of our nine police-led centres works closely with its local universities to handpick a unique and talented cadre of students. These students work alongside senior security practitioners and supervisors to deliver a range of cyber resilience services tailored to meet the needs of your business.



The services are fully funded, meaning that if you are signed up with your local CRC, you can access these services for your business free of charge.

The Cyber PATH services available to you are:



Security Awareness Training

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



First Step Web Assessment

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



Internal Vulnerability Assessment

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



External Vulnerability Assessment

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



Web Application Assessment

This service assesses your website and web services for weaknesses.



Microsoft 365 Service

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



Internet Discovery Service

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



Cyber Business Continuity Review

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



Cyber Security Policy Review

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

Why use Cyber PATH fully funded services?

Cyber PATH services have been created specifically to assist SMEs and third-sector organisations in becoming more cyber resilient. By using these services you are helping to protect your business and your people, and the businesses you deal with.



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TALENT HORIZONS



Cyber PATH is a trusted service

The Cyber PATH programme is police-led, and government funded. The services are delivered under the supervision of cyber security professionals.



Cyber PATH services help you protect your business

By using the Cyber PATH services to become more resilient, you will be informing your staff and you will be better informed about potential cyber vulnerabilities within the company.



Cyber PATH services can help protect others

Every business has supply chains; whether it's those you buy from, or those you sell to. Any weaknesses in your business could cause disruption to those you deal with.



Cyber PATH is developing a vital talent pipeline

The Cyber PATH programme provides students the opportunity to work alongside cyber professionals in real work situations and will encourage them to consider cyber as a career path.



Cyber PATH services are fully funded

Cyber PATH is a police-led initiative funded by the government who are committed to making the UK a safe place to work and live in.



CRC membership and Cyber PATH: the perfect place to start your cyber resilience journey

By joining a CRC and utilising the Cyber PATH services and trusted guidance, you will be better prepared to become Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials Plus accredited.



Scan the QR code or go to cyberpath.co.uk



Want to know more?

The best way to find out about the many ways your CRC can support you is to sign up with your regional centre and start your journey towards better cyber resilience. Scan the QR code to find your regional CRC.



We also have a digital newspaper with much more information and some interesting case studies about how SMEs and third-sector organisations are working with their CRC and Cyber PATH to make their business more secure online.



THE SME GUARDIAN

POLICE-LED, BUSINESS-FOCUSED SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS



All businesses and organisations, regardless of size or sector, have a responsibility to protect themselves and, in doing so, safeguard other companies in their supply chains.

Are you ensuring you are not the weakest link in the supply chain?

In simple terms, every business is involved with at least two supply chains: the companies they buy from and the customers they sell to. Of course, for many companies, it is significantly more complex than this. Still, regardless of how complex or how many companies you deal with, one thing is true: disruption in the supply chain will inevitably disrupt your operation.

Large organisations invest in supply chain management software or systems to ensure the smooth running of their business, but many smaller organisations find the cost prohibitive. Indeed, the majority of SMEs will have little, if any, in-house knowledge or dedicated personnel to manage their supply chain effectively. For the most part, they will tend to address supply chain issues on a reactive basis, responding to problems as they occur instead of proactively mitigating risks.

There is little argument that, despite its significance to all business operations, supply chain management could and should be much better, particularly in SME businesses.

SMEs traditionally focus on building strong relationships with reliable suppliers who understand their business, and they are often good at collaborating with larger companies that have established supply chain networks. It is also fair to note that software management tools are becoming more affordable while AI will inevitably make the task simpler, too.

However, while there appears to be a raised awareness among SMEs about the importance of the supply chain and better opportunities for smaller businesses to be much more proficient, there are also increasing threats, primarily in cyber.

The dramatic increase in cybercrime and cyber attacks in recent years has undoubtedly led to a much greater level of importance being focused on the supply chain and where the weak links may appear. Clearly, for many of the same reasons SMEs find it challenging to manage supply chains, they are equally exposed over their resilience to cyber-attacks. This weakness is a significant concern for larger organisations that invariably rely on multiple SMEs for products and services. If these smaller businesses are exposed to cyber attacks, it not only disrupts supplies but also potentially creates a weakness in the larger organisation's cyber defences!

So, all businesses, and third sector organisations, must accept that regardless of size, sector or location, they have a responsibility to protect themselves, which, in turn, helps protect all of the other businesses in their supply chains.

When you join your publicly funded regional centre, you are becoming part of a nationwide community that is committed to making the UK a more attractive place to work and invest in. More importantly, you will be taking positive steps to protect yourself and the companies you work with.

In this edition of The SME Guardian, we highlight some of the businesses who have joined the CRC Network's community and what they are doing to help themselves and others combat the increasing problem of cyber crime. You will also learn about how the CRC Network, through its Cyber PATH programme, is addressing the cyber talent pipeline crisis, by creating real work experiences for the country's brightest students. Which also means affordable access to entry level risk discovery services for your small business or third sector organisation.

Inside this edition...



What is the CRC Network?

Learn about the CRC Network and how this police led, business-focused initiative collaborates with NPCC, National Ambassadors and the Cyber PATH programme to deliver greater cyber resilience for our SME businesses and charitable organisations.

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Trust embraces cyber resilience

Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

West Midlands CRC and Cyber PATH deliver training to a long-established trust.

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IFA really does see the value of advice

Find out why IFA, the respected Buckinghamshire IFA, appreciates the value of the Security Awareness Training.

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National Ambassador Chainalysis provides valuable training opportunity

Read about the valuable five-week blockchain training course provided exclusively to Cyber PATH students.

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Cyber PATH alumni is still making an impact

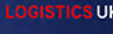
How the 2014 Cyber Weekends of the West is encouraging women into cyber careers?

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