

#### **Agenda**

- overview
- 5 steps to build resilience and reduce disruption
- procurement's role in cyber security



#### **Overview**

- significant increase in cyber attacks since the beginning of the pandemic
- changes in how we work a move to homeworking, unsecure networks and opportunistic cyber criminals exploiting the situation
- impact is hugely detrimental data loss, inability to operate, reputational damage, financial loss and emotional toll on employees

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Ransomware Attacks Increasing



5 steps - build resilience and reduce disruption



## Step 1 Understand critical assets

- a good understanding of the assets in your IT estate and strong asset management processes to ensure information is up to date
- understanding of the data held in systems, the "value" of that data to an outside party and impact if it got into the wrong hands
- understand what systems are critical to business operations and the impact if they were taken down



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# Step 2 Develop an incident response plan

- allows for protection of sensitive data during a security breach - it will help you determine the extent of the incident and manage the impact
- a good plan will draw on a range of organisational capabilities
- plan ahead locating an incident response provider in the middle of an incident will delay response and recovery work
- test your plan regularly





# Step 3 Create a strong cyber security culture

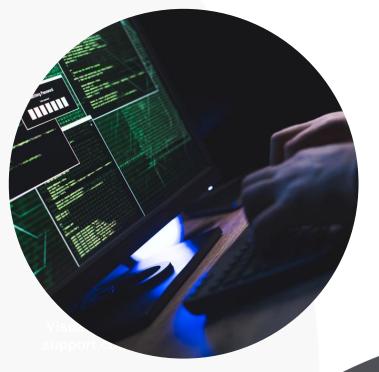
- consider a cyber training course for employees
- raise awareness of common attacks and how they might present themselves within an organisation - phishing, ransomware, DDos, malware
- provide a process for reporting suspicious emails / potential attacks





# Step 4 Keep up to date with emerging threats

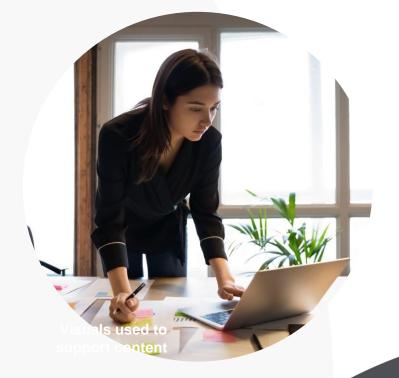
- new types of malware are created every day
- increase resilience by learning about the ever changing threat landscape through relevant and credible sources
- · adapt your protection and detection methods





## Step 5 Develop a BC/DR Plan

- a business continuity/disaster recovery plan will help you recover from a disaster and resume critical/core business functions and operations
- similar to IR a good plan it will draw on a range of organisational capabilities
- test your plan regularly





Procurement's role in cyber security



#### Procurement's role

- Crown Commercial Service partners with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to ensure agreements include appropriate security standards and assurances, such as Cyber Essentials
- The Cyber Security Services 3 agreement includes NCSC assured services to improve your security function, assessed to meet the NCSC's high quality standards





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