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## Free, police-led support available for businesses in the South East

When it comes to online crime, there's nothing small about small businesses. If you're open for business online, you could be open to cyber-attacks. One study on small businesses and cybercrime recorded that one small business in the UK is successfully hacked every 19 seconds.

To help businesses, a network of Cyber Resilience Centres has been established across the country. Covering Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex is The South East Cyber Resilience Centre (SECRC). The centre is regionally based, police-led, not-for-profit partnership with local universities and businesses.

Being regionally based means the SECRC falls under the policing umbrella of the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROCU). The South East Regional Organised Crime Unit comprises of police officers and staff drawn from police forces across the country and works in partnership with the Hampshire Constabulary, Surrey Police, Sussex Police, Thames Valley Police, UK Border Force, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to combat cross-border organised crime which includes cybercrime.

Falling under this umbrella means we support businesses, charities and third sector organisations in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Surrey, East and West Sussex, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This doesn't mean that if you're in another area within the UK you won't be supported, as there is a network of Cyber Resilience Centre's in existence ready and waiting to help you. You can discover those <u>here</u>.

How does The South East Cyber Resilience Centre help local businesses?

The SECRC exists to help businesses of all sizes (although there is a focus on SMEs, micro-businesses, and sole traders) to better protect themselves in the fight against cybercrime. The idea is that by working with the SECRC, you will help to reduce your business's cyber-related risk and to increase your cyber resilience.

This is achieved by members of the SECRC being provided with free resources, toolkits, and guides to develop their knowledge in key areas so that they can implement basic methods of cyber hygiene. The SECRC also provides affordable, professional cyber security services through its partnership with local universities.

Download the SECRC's FREE information and welcome pack to become one of the many local businesses benefitting from expert guidance designed to help boost your business's cyber resilience levels against cyber-attacks.

Other benefits include:

- A free 30-minute cyber health consultation To help you understand your current business cyber-related risks and whether our services could improve your business's ability to prevent a cyber-attack.
- Access to a monthly newsletter full of tips, tricks, and resources to help you tackle current cyber threats and trends.
- Access to guidance from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) Including key topics such as how organisations can protect themselves in cyberspace and 10 steps to cyber security.
- Access to the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)'s Exercise In A Box a tool to give your organisation a 'dummy' run of a cyber-attack. Similar to testing your fire drill and that is tailored for different-sized organisations.

- Access to the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)'s Board Toolkit This contains resources that are designed to encourage essential cyber security discussions between a business's Board and their technical experts.
- Entry into a monthly prize draw to win a <u>Security Awareness Training</u> session, <u>a First step</u> <u>Web Application Assessment</u>, a <u>Corporate Internet Investigation</u>, or an <u>Individual Internet</u> <u>Investigation</u>, worth £500 for their organisation.

To learn more about The South East Cyber Resilience Centre, visit their <u>website</u> or connect with them on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.