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north east government (public sector) WARP

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Context

- 12 unitary councils
 - no 'districts'
- 3 police forces
- 3 LRFs
- “20% of all civil service employees based in region”
- NHS BSA, DWP, HMRC, Homes England, DEFRA, DfE, College of Policing, Rail Pensions etc.



'Typical' north east council

- 4,000-7,000 staff
- 700 services
- 40 business units
- 200 line of business applications
- 200 interfaces to the finance system
- 50-80 IT staff
- 2-5 IT staff in Security
- 1/3 of inward email is malicious
- Millions of attempts to breach each council's firewalls every day
- Probably not in IT
 - Digital
 - Web team
 - Transformation
 - Customer service
 - Data scientists
 - Information Governance

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- Over 40 member organisations
 - All 12 councils
 - arms length operations
 - Nexus (TWPTE)
 - Universities and Colleges
 - NHS BSA and local trusts
 - Police, Fire (operations)
 - DWP, HMRC, Homes England
 - Regional Cyber Crime Unit
 - NCSC
- Out of Area members (case by case)
- Independent operation
 - Own ToR etc.
- Costs underwritten by NEICT Partnership
- No membership fee
- Services and way of working our members want
- Link to Dynamo North East #cybernorth initiative

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- ¼ly meetings
- Online community of practice
- Daily news email
- Virtual 'big red button'
- Presence on CiSP
- LGA national forums for WARPs
- Incident response guidance
- Sliced and diced resilience resources
 - not everyone needs ALL the information
- Resilience advice to schools etc.
- Cyber resilience exercises
- Working with LRFs on mutual understanding / way forward

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Warning, Advice and Reporting Points: what is a WARP and why should you join

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- **Introduction**
- **Our journey in the NW**
- **What makes the NW WARP successful**
- **Why You Should Join**



Our journey in the North West

- **Grown from 7- 40+ member orgs:**
 - LAs, NHS orgs, F&RS, Police, Social Housing
- **Agreed ways of working**
 - ToR, Membership form & NDA, Traffic Light Protocol,
 - Closed Group for members to encourage trust relationships
- **Collaboration:** meetings & events, online collaboration spaces – KHub, SLACK, CISP

What makes the NW WARP successful

- **Safe space to talk and share with peers:** support, advice
- **Access to information & knowledge:** expert speakers from govt, industry
- **Intelligence Sharing:** timely alerts on threats, incidents
- **Collaboration:** projects and policy development
- **Representation** - the “collective voice”

Why You Should Join

- **For all the reasons in the previous slide:** you will get a lot from joining your regional WARP.
- **Build your resilience in peace time** to reap the rewards in times of crisis
- **WARPS have regional flavours:** you can influence the flavour of your WARP
- **Future direction will make WARPS more important than ever**
 - stronger links with Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, Emergency Planning Collaboration with other WARPS
 - Part of the national infrastructure network for cyber and information security

WARP: A 'trusted' community where peers share up-to-date advice on information security threats, incidents and solutions

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