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CYBER RESILIENCE AT A GLANCE

What Business Leaders Need to Know in 2026

Cyber resilience is no longer just an IT concern - it's a core business priority. For business leaders, decision makers, and management teams, understanding the key elements that underpin a resilient organisation is essential in 2026.

This briefing provides a high-level view of cyber resilience from a business perspective, helping you make informed choices to protect your operations, reputation, and continuity - without needing to dive into technical details.

1. WHY CYBER RESILIENCE IS CRITICAL

- Businesses are increasingly expected to maintain a baseline level of cyber resilience.
- Customers, partners, and stakeholders are looking for assurance that critical systems are secure and operational risks are managed.
- Operational disruption or data loss can have significant financial and reputational impacts.

By focusing on resilience at the organisational level, business leaders can ensure continuity while empowering their IT teams to implement effective controls.

2. KEY AREAS TO FOCUS ON

Risk Visibility and Governance

- **Understand** where critical systems, data, and dependencies present the highest business risk.
- **Assign** clear responsibility for oversight of cyber risk across the organisation.

Operational Continuity

- **Identify** the systems and processes essential to keeping the business running during disruption.
- **Confirm** that continuity measures, including backups and recovery plans, are operational and regularly tested.

The Role of the Essential Eight

- **Understand** at a high-level how the Essential Eight cyber controls contribute to operational resilience.
- **Ensure** your team is accountable for maintaining controls and monitoring maturity over time.

3. HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- **Request** clear reporting from IT teams that translates technical measures into business impact.
- **Prioritise** initiatives that reduce operational risk rather than simply ticking compliance boxes.
- **Engage** with trusted partners to assess current resilience levels and identify gaps.

Understanding what 'good' looks like in today's cyber landscape, and having clear insight into operational and technical controls, enables business leaders to make informed decisions that strengthen resilience and protect reputation.