

# Securing the Human Factor

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# Welcome

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## **Speaker**

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## **Focus Areas**

- Cyber Security Risk and Strategy
- Cyber Security and Human Behaviour
- Board /Exec-Level Engagement

## What do we know?

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- Cyber security is gaining board-level visibility but we still have a long way to go.
- Larger firms are still top targets but smaller firms are hit hardest.
- Large proportion of security spend is on technical solutions even though 60% of breaches can be attributed to a lack of cyber awareness.
- Cyber initiatives are not strategy driven.
- Most organisations do not have a formal cyber security training programme.
- Cyber security spend is set to increase over the next 12 months.

## The Human Element...

THE TARGET BREACH: A HUMAN SECURITY FAILURE

'Hackers target the weakest link in a company: people'

Only amateurs attack machines;  
professionals target **people**.

Bruce Schneier

**Insiders are today's biggest security threat**

The Role of Human Error in Successful  
Security Attacks

Insider threats may be the  
biggest cyberthreats an  
organization faces

# How mature is your awareness programme?



## The Board and Executive Team : Are they asking the right questions?

- Is our cybersecurity programme ready to meet the challenges of today's and tomorrow's cyber threat landscape? Are we receiving the right KPIs?
- What are we doing to improve cultural awareness in relation to cyber threats?
- How are we going to be impacted by Brexit and GDPR?
- How are we protecting our high-value assets?
- Where do we need to prioritise our investment efforts?
- If we had a cyber breach/attack, how soon would we know?

## Wrap-up

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- Get the basics right.
- Focus on instilling the right knowledge and behaviours- training shouldn't be a tick-box exercise.
- Don't forget legacy systems!
- Investigate the need for cyber insurance.

Thank you

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