

NHS CONFIDENTIAL - MANAGEMENT

HSCIC Cyber Security Programme Update

July 2014

Purpose

1. To provide an update to the HSCIC Board on progress to date on the HSCIC Cyber Security Programme (CSP) following the endorsement of the recommendations of the Interim Cyber Security Review (ICSR) in October 2013.

Progress Update

2. The Information Assurance Cyber Security Committee (IACSC), the terms of reference for which were approved at the April Board, has been established and is now in full operation. Two IACSC meetings have now taken place. Representatives from the Office of Government Senior Information Risk Owner (OGSIRO) and the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) are regular attendees, thereby providing links across Government enabling the sharing of information relating to the Cyber Threat.
3. The Professional Services Business Case (PSBC) approved by the Corporate Assurance Panel in January was halted by the Department of Health PCOE Procurement Business Partners. However, the PSBC was resubmitted and approved at the beginning of April. An open competition has been run to procure the services of an organisation to provide two accredited subject matter experts (SMEs) to develop the HSCIC risk appetite along with an understanding of HSCIC's Cyber Threat. They would also provide assistance with the definition of the wider programme. Qinetiq was awarded the contract for this work and is currently finalising contractual arrangements. This work is scheduled to start before the end of June.
4. The Programme Brief was approved at Portfolio Board on 24th April 2014. Following discussions with the Business Case Assurance Team, it was agreed a Strategic Outline Case (SOC) would be developed. The SOC is expected to be ready for review by the end of June.
5. Since the programme's inception, its scope has been extended to incorporate work commissioned by the Secretary of State for Health on a project entitled "Assuring Data Security across the Health and Social Care Sector Project," which will conduct an assessment across the system to provide the necessary evidence to direct future efforts to provide the necessary policy, guidance, functions and capabilities to enable the wider health system to manage security risk. Two PSBCs are in train to 1) identify a strategic partner to manage and support the project and 2) to carry out detailed security testing activities at a number of organisations across the Health Sector. These PSBCs have been approved by Ministers and are currently undergoing procurement through an open competition.
6. The additional work brought by the Secretary of State's project coupled with possible further work brought as a result of the review of data releases, has driven a need for a Project Manager, now being recruited to the programme to support the management of programme deliverables and to oversee specific projects within the programme. An offer has been made and has been accepted.

Actions

7. The Board is requested to note the progress made on the Cyber Security Programme.