

Policy Position Summary: Cybercrime

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What does the PCVC wish to achieve?

To protect individuals and organisations from becoming victims through ensuring our communities have the knowledge and ability to protect themselves against cyber-enabled fraud and crime.

Evidence Base

The Strategic Policing Requirement highlights cybercrime (both cyber-dependent and -enabled) as a national risk (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-policing-requirement>).

Moreover, both the National Cyber Security Strategy 2016-2021 and the government's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy detail local and national plans to tackle cybercrime (NCSS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-cyber-security-strategy-2016-to-2021>; SOCS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/serious-organised-crime-strategy>).

The significant risks associated with cybercrime (as detailed in the documents above) alongside the widely estimated figure that 80% of cyber-attacks are preventable, make ensuring good practice when it comes to cyber safety critically important.

How will the PCVC's aspirations be achieved?

- To work with partners in a coordinated and joined-up way on cyber safety; and
- To protect individuals and businesses from cyber-enabled fraud and crime through raising awareness among, and providing education to, individuals and businesses.