NCSC's cyber security training for staff now available

The NCSC's e-learning package 'Top Tips For Staff' can be completed online, or built into your own training platform.

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The NCSC's recent work with small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs), charities, and the legal and accountancy sectors, has highlighted a key issue for those organisations.

There is so much cyber security advice available these days, many people find it hard to know where to start. Some organisations struggle to explain **why** cyber security is something that all staff should care about. Even larger organisations (with dedicated training resources) find it difficult to explain the technical aspects of cyber security in ways that are **relevant** to their staff, so that they can help keep their organisations (and themselves) safe from cyber attack**.**

Equally, many SMEs and charities may not have the resources to put any cyber security policies and training in place at all, leaving staff exposed as their frontline defence against cyber attacks.

For these reasons, the NCSC has produced an e-learning training package: 'Staying Safe Online: Top Tips for Staff'. It's totally free, easy-to-use and takes less than 30 minutes to complete. The training introduces why cyber security is important and how attacks happen, and then covers four key areas:

- defending yourself against phishing
- using strong passwords
- securing your devices
- reporting incidents ('if in doubt, call it out')

The training is primarily aimed at SMEs, charities and the voluntary sector, but can be applied to any organisation, regardless of size or sector. It's been deliberately designed for a non-technical audience (who may have little or no knowledge of cyber security), with tips that complement any existing policies and procedures.

How to use the 'Top Tips for Staff' training

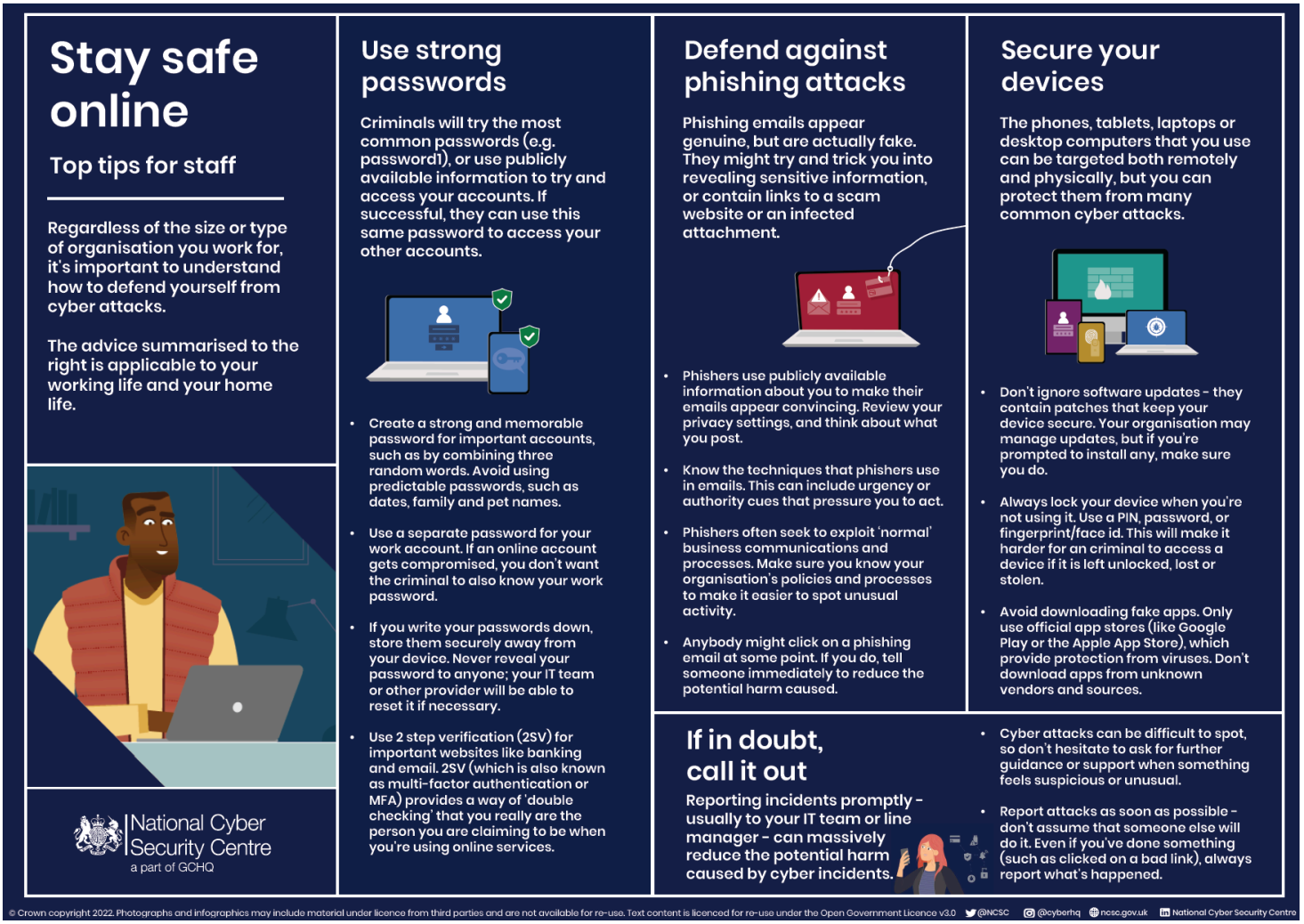
There are two options for using the e-learning package:

1. The first (and easiest) way is to direct your staff to the Stay Safe Online: Top Tips for Staff or Gadw'n ddiogel ar-lein: Prif awgrymiadau i staff pages which are hosted on the NCSC website. The package is free to use, and includes a short quiz at the end, with links to further reading. No login is required - just click on the link and start learning.
2. The other way is to integrate the package into your own organisation's training platform. You can do this by downloading the zip file from our website, the file you download will depend on your organisations LMS system. There are English and Welsh versions available, which contains the package as a SCORM-compliant file. We have also created an API version as an alternative to help users who have been unable to use SCORM.

   Download SCORM+2004 (English)
   Download SCORM 1.2 (English)
   Download SCORM (Welsh)

Once imported into your own LMS system, you can tweak the package to suit your needs (such as setting a pass rate for the quiz) as the content is covered by the Open Government Licence.

We've also summarised the core messages from the training in the following infographic, which you're also free to download, print, and share. For the best quality, please download the PDF version.



However you decide to use the 'Top Tips For Staff' e-learning, we're confident it can help you build cyber defenders amongst your staff, the front-line in protecting your organisation from cyber attacks.

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