# CYBER CRIME SENTINEL

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This newsletter has been collated by West Midlands Regional Cyber Crime Unit and is intended for wider distribution within the West Midlands Region to raise awareness among businesses and members of the public.

## CYBER PROTECT WEEKLY TIP

In current news, it has come to the WMRCCU's attention this week that a small business within the West Midlands has been a victim of a Distributed Denial-of-Service attack (DDoS) attack. It is a common form of attack that occurs when there are many machines (called bots) working together to attack a targeted system.

A few DDoS attacks of note during the COVID so far include:

- The University Hospital Trust operating in Paris and its surroundings (AP-HP) faced a one-hour DDoS attack on Sunday 22 March, paralysing two Internet facing addresses. Luckily the attack did not affect the health infrastructures.
- The Czech Republic's second largest hospital, the Brno University Hospital, was attacked on 12 and 13 March, causing an immediate computer shutdown in the midst of the coronavirus outbreak.
- The United States Health and Human Services (HHS) Department faced a DDoS attack on 15 March 2020.

It should come as no surprise that cyber criminals are enjoying taking advantage of the target rich environment created by home working and other changes to normal business operations, so find out how to mitigate against DDoS attacks by reading our information guide on our website https://www.wmcyber.org.

Did you also know that if someone conducts a DDoS attack, or make, supply or obtain stresser or booter services, you could receive a prison sentence, a fine or both. Read more at https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/?view=article&id=243:ddos-attacks-are-illegal&catid=2

## IN THE NEWS

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THE LATEST NEWS ON CYBERCRIME FROM THE REGIONAL CYBER CRIME UNIT

**Facebook Account Takeover Scams**
Our regional force teams have seen a rise in Facebook account takeover scams hitting the region. Criminals will hack into an unsuspecting victims Facebook accounts and then proceed to request cash from those on your contact list to help "get the account user by until payday." Please consider using good password hygiene by following the Cyber Aware tips found on https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home More information can be found here: https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/facebook-account-takeover-paypal-and-whatsapp-fraud

**Honda's global operations hit by cyber-attack**
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-52982427

**Maze ransomware hit biggest target yet with LG breach**
https://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/news/252485287/Maze-ransomware-hit-biggest-target-yet-with-LG-breach

**Ticket fraud warning as venues prepare to re-open**
https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/ticket-fraud-warning-as-venues-prepare-to-re-open

**Philips Ultrasound Systems Advisory**
https://www.us-cert.gov/ics/advisories/icsma-20-177-01

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): keeping children safe online**
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online?utm_source=b7f7afa2-831f-4e7f-ab12-e1b27917d611&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

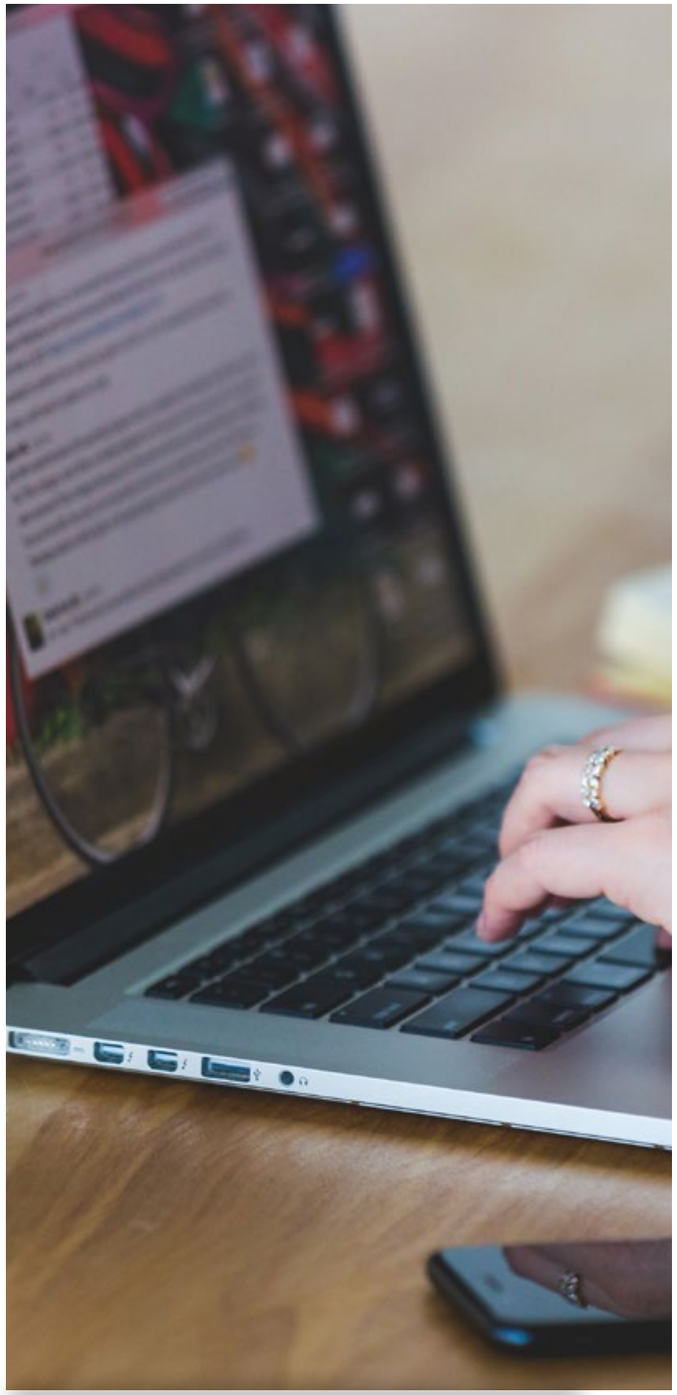
**Thanks a million: British public help reach major milestone in fight against scammers**
https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/british-public-help-reach-milestone-against-scammers

**Discover Home and Remote Working on Exercise in a Box Platform**
https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/exercise-in-a-box

## TECH TALK

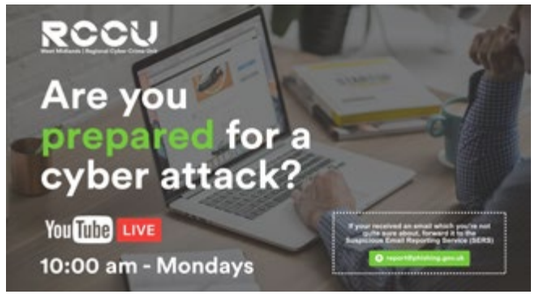
**NCSC Weekly Threat Report Topics**
Action Fraud reveals cost of online fraud during lockdown
1.3 Million user records stolen from MMO game
https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/weekly-threat-report-26th-june-2020

**Why cloud first is not a security problem**
https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/blog-post/why-cloud-first-is-not-a-security-problem



# BE CYBER AWARE

Although physical events have been rearranged for later dates, we've been providing inputs through video conferencing/remotely. We have done this internally for organisations, as well as for public business groups. If you would like an input for your own organisation or group, please get in touch.




## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A CYBER ATTACK?

On Mondays at 10am we will be hosting 'Are you prepared for a cyber attack?' presentations via YouTube Live available here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__xyxqp2cqk




## CYBER SECURITY LIVE Q&A

You will be able to join us at Sli.do every Wednesday to ask us questions and advice about cyber security and how to stay safe online. All the sessions will be held on sli.do, where you will also be able to see previous Q&As.

https://app.sli.do/event/jvodjdcu/




## CAN YOU SPOT THE PHISHING EMAIL?

On Fridays at 10am we will be hosting 'Can you spot the Phishing Email?' presentations via YouTube Live available here: https://youtu.be/NuEbmZw7-5A




## SIMPLE TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM CYBERCRIME

Wed, 8 July 2020, 09:30 – 11:00

available here: https://www.fsb.org.uk/event-calendar/simple-top-tips-to-protect-your-business-from-on-line-fraud-cybercrime-attacks.html?aff=Twitter




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