

Amicus ITS Hosts Regional Cyber Security Event for Hampshire Businesses



Event Chairman Les Keen welcomes Hampshire SMEs to Totton HQ to hear from the specialist cyber security panel

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Amicus ITS and Hampshire County Council's Economic Development Office Join Forces For Key Regional Cyber Security Survival Event For Hampshire SMEs

With cyber security recognised as a Tier1 security threat by the UK Government, Amicus ITS has long been at the vanguard of providing best practice advice and support to its public sector, healthcare and corporate customer base.

Amicus ITS held yet another cyber security event with Hampshire County Council's Economic Development Office recently to bring cyber security issues, the enormous risk for failing to protect data *and* the measures companies can take to safeguard themselves and their customers, to the forefront of Hampshire SMEs attention. Over **40** companies attended this latest outreach thought leadership event with comments that included:

- "Useful awareness raising and collaboration potential"
- "A very informative event!"
- "Information/presentations were relevant and interesting. Thank you"

The sheer scale of alarming facts around data security speak volumes about the importance of this work continuing:

- "93% of DPA breaches are caused by human error" **ICO 2015**
- "90% of data has been created in the last two years"
- "Failure to protect EU residents data could result in penalties up to E20million or 4% of turnover" **EU GDPR**
- "Cyber security breaches for SMEs now cost as much as £310,800 (up from £115,000 in 2014)" **Dept for Business Innovation & Skills Information Security Breaches Survey, June 2015**

Director of Technology, Security & Governance, **JP Norman** commented: "The potential for a cyber attack to disrupt a company is now greater than ever. As firms look to expand their network with mobile connectivity, cloud services and the Internet of Things, they also increase the possible points of infiltration for hackers.



Director of Technology, Security & Governance, **JP Norman**, speaking at Amicus ITS' "Cyber Security Survival" event

This risk, **JP Norman** says, is added to by the misconception of many businesses that their organisations are of little interest to a hacker. *"This is simply not true" he adds, "Cyber targeting is not necessarily about the size of a company or having a high profile brand name. Some of the greatest breaches have occurred because of companies being part of the supply chain to other larger businesses – and that is how the hackers have got in".*

JP Norman's advice is simple: *"Whoever you are, whatever your business, or size – you have to take steps to review your security policies and plan and test your security systems".*

Any businesses wishing for further information or details about any Amicus ITS' cyber security services should call us on 02380 429429.