

Amicus ITS and Hampshire County Council Co-Host Free Winter Cyber Security Event For SMEs in Totton



Sales Director Les Keen acts as Master of Ceremonies for Amicus ITS' latest cyber event and Data Protection update from its company HQ (seated front in audience – Councillor Karen Hamilton, Mayor of Test Valley Borough Council)

Thursday 24th November 2016

Specialist Data Security Speakers Out In Force To Inform and Protect Hampshire Businesses At Key Business Event

Sales Director **Les Keen** led the latest thought leadership event from Amicus ITS' Totton HQ on Thursday afternoon for local Hampshire businesses, dignitaries and customers.

Speaking at the specially convened conference on Data Protection and cyber security were, Director of Technology, Security & Governance, **JP Norman**, along with **Adam Nash** of cloud based end point security specialists Webroot and **Paul Marsh**, Director of penetration testing specialists, SecQuest.



JP Norman, Director of Technology, Security & Governance, Amicus ITS

Keynote Data Protection speaker **JP Norman** said: *"Not enough businesses have started their preparations for the impact of the EU General Data Protection Regulations on 25th May 2018. The new responsibilities around data management, security measures and penalties arising from non compliance will potentially wipe out businesses who fail to act. The fines from May 2018 will be up to 4% of global turnover or a maximum fine of €20 million. In addition, companies could be fined up to £500,000 by the UK's Information Commissioner's Office, as well as individuals' rights to pursue lawsuits against company directors.*

The Information Commissioner's Office is committed to helping UK businesses and public bodies to prepare to meet the requirements for GDPR. It has published a [12 point plan](#) and we urge all organisations to review it against their current data protection measures".



Adam Nash EMEA Sales Manager, Webroot

Adam Nash of Webroot commented: "98% of infections are zero day (meaning the viruses have only been seen on one machine globally) and ransomware is probably the most prominent threat at the moment. So as part of a company's defence plan, businesses need to maintain an up to date checklist of practical steps and measures to mitigate against cyber attack.

These can include; reviewing data backup to ensure it is recoverable and optimised for the business, that core software is up to date and macros are disabled. It goes without saying that you should choose a reputable AV product and that your company's security policies get reviewed regularly. If the management of the organisation lead by example and encourage staff to adopt these best practices then everyone will benefit. Your employees are both your best asset but also the most likely source of a compromise so their ongoing education is vital.

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"It was a privilege to attend and fascinating to learn more about the subject; the speakers certainly managed to raise my awareness. I have been able to share the knowledge with further businesses and people that I have come across to raise awareness. It is important to be aware of your data environment"

Mayor of Test Valley Borough Council, Councillor
Karen Hamilton (seen on left with TVBC Councillor Richard Rowles)

Amicus ITS will be hosting its next thought leadership event and updates on Data Protection and cyber security in early Spring 2017 (data TBA). These events are FREE to attend for businesses. Early interest can be registered for the limited places with **Lindsay Burden**, Marketing Manager at Lindsay.burden@amicusits.co.uk or phone 02380 429475