



Case Study

Cyber Resilience: Orbit Housing



All organisations need to be cyber resilient

Today, every organisation relies on digital technology to operate effectively. Yet this exposes organisations to cyber risk. If a cyber incident happens, insurance can help cover the costs and provide support services. But the first step to becoming resilient is identifying the cyber risks before that happens.

The Zurich Resilience Solutions (ZRS) UK Cyber Team offers a complete suite of cyber resilience services to help organisations gain a deeper understanding of their cyber exposure and stay resilient. The services are available to any organisation, not just existing Zurich customers.

ZRS begins by carrying out a cyber resilience health check. This is a thorough review of an organisation's cyber risks and helps to provide a solid foundation for resilience. It involves on-site support, an external passive cyber risk scan and document reviews. It is also aligned to industry best practice and guidance set out by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The health check highlights areas where an organisation is doing well, and also assesses cyber maturity. The team will also report on areas for improvement and suggest which recommendations could have the greatest impact on resilience, enabling organisations to take risk-based decisions for their next steps. ZRS can also support organisations as they implement the improvements too.

Orbit Housing: the background

Orbit Group is a leading UK housing association. It supports tenants and shapes communities, mainly through building and maintaining social housing.

In June 2021, the ZRS Cyber Team worked with Orbit to complete a <u>cyber resilience</u> <u>health check</u> to understand Orbit's resilience and the needs of users across the organisation. The report outlined improvements that could be made to Orbit's security policies to reduce exposure to cyber risks.

Orbit implemented many of the recommendations, asking ZRS to revisit the findings in 2022 to check if they still applied. This review found that cyber maturity had substantially improved, and the team also made some new recommendations to help Orbit become even more resilient.

In March 2023, ZRS facilitated a joint <u>cyber incident response and business continuity exercise</u> to test Orbit's ability to respond effectively to cyber incidents.

The health check made a number of recommendations, including:

- Suggested enhancements to IT security policies to improve resilience by laying a foundation of requirements for users and increasing cyber security awareness
- Improve incident response capability by running regular tabletop exercises to ensure Orbit is practised and prepared in case of a real incident
- Recommendations to improve incident and business continuity response following the results of the tabletop exercises

Customer outcomes

As a result of the collaboration, Orbit is able to:



Demonstrate tangible cyber security improvements to stakeholders



Deliver an **ongoing cyber improvement** programme



Undertake regular cyber incident and business continuity exercises to help senior leaders understand the technical and operational responses to a major incident





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