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Clare,

Fantastic news, this will allow us to get things up and running even on a small scale. We need to start building plans now for the bolder ambition as well!!

Many thanks for your work in getting things this far,

Kind regards

Malcolm

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Dear Malcolm, Stevie and David

I am delighted to let you know that we have secured £1.5m for 2022-23 to establish a central coordination function for cyber resilience.

DFM will officially trail the name “Scottish Cyber Coordination Centre” (or similar) at CyberScotland Week at the end of February, so for now we are asking partners to simply refer to a central coordination function for cyber resilience.

Michelle Colquhoun (copied in) is leading on setting up of the centre and will be focusing her and her team’s efforts over the next few months on governance; recruiting core team; setting out the broad priorities for Year One and communications.

She will update the National Cyber Resilience Board next Tuesday and the next meeting of the CyberScotland Partnership.

We will be in touch soon re the governance structure as it will be important for Police Scotland to have a key role early doors.

Meantime here are some lines to take re. the central coordination function, if you are approached by the media:

- *The cyber threat is a major risk to Scotland’s economic recovery post-Covid and to our broader resilience..*
- *In light of serious incidents in Scotland and worldwide, ransomware attacks on the likes of SEPA, the Irish Health Service and the US Colonial pipeline mean we must ramp-up our capacity and capability to prevent and respond.*
- *That is why the Scottish Government’s Covid Recovery Strategy highlighted the need to build on our cyber resilience efforts, bringing forward the establishment of a recognised, authoritative and collaborative function to combat the accelerating threat of cyber attack to Scotland.*
- *Today’s Scottish budget underlines this commitment with a new investment of £1.5 million during 2021-22. This is on top of the £1.2 million the Scottish Government will invest in furthering the vision of the Strategic Framework for a Cyber Resilient Scotland.*
- *This central co-ordination function will pool expertise from a number of organisations, building on the success of the Cyber Scotland Partnership.*

- *Early priorities will include intelligence sharing, early warning notification and incident management and recovery. Initial focus will be on Scotland's public sector, working with closely with industry.*
- *This will not duplicate efforts of the work of the National Cyber Security Centre, but will instead, through close engagement, add value through effectively sharing intelligence and responding to risk.*

Regards

Clare

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