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**CySec Professionals Ltd commences alignment of its cybersecurity-academy.com programmes to the new UK Cyber Security Council 16 Specialisms in Cyber Security and joins forces with the North West Cyber Resilience Centre to provide opportunity and career support to military veterans, law enforcement veterans and local cyber security graduates.**

**Targets the delivery of between £360,000 and £560,000 of social value to the North West of England from its initial intake commencing in October 2021.**

Following on from recent announcements from the newly formed UK Cyber Security Council, CySec Professionals Ltd has commenced alignment of its academy programmes to the newly identified 16 Specialisms in Cyber Security.

At the same time, it has commenced the provision of opportunity and career support to military and law enforcement veterans seeking a second career as well as cyber security graduates seeking to enter the profession, through the provision of its “Cyber Security Generalist” training programme.

In total, an initial 12 individuals will undertake 6 industry recognised certified courses, including 3 NCSC Certified Training courses selected to ensure the knowledge and skills required for a fulfilling career in cyber security are achieved. Individuals will also receive 12 months professional body membership and 12 months access to over 200 technical and non-technical self-paced eLearning courses to aid in continuous professional development post programme completion.



Commenting on the initiative, **Steven Cockcroft**, Owner of CySec Professionals Ltd stated:

“As a North West based business, CySec Professionals Ltd is proud to commence the initiative with the North West Cyber Resilience Centre and strengthen what is already a very positive and productive partnership. Both parties are passionate about cybersecurity and the provision of assistance to current and future cyber security

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professionals, as well as the provision of assistance organisations to strengthen their cyber security risk management arrangements.

Through our global partnerships, we are able to provide solutions that not only enables us to provide education and opportunity to individuals but also allow us to add to and strengthen the rich pool of talent that exists in the North West.

That we are, at the same time, able to create so much social value to the region is simply the icing on top of the cake. Programmes to support SME's in the region are already in planning. Through our existing global partnerships, we look forward to extending the provision of career support and the creation of social value throughout the UK and beyond."

**Neil Jones**, Managing Director at the Cyber Resilience Centre for the North West added:

"We are delighted to be working with CySec Professionals on this groundbreaking initiative. The Cyber Security Generalist training programme will significantly enhance the skills of those who help to protect our communities from online crime. Upskilling veterans, students and police officers who work with the North West Cyber Resilience Centre and within Greater Manchester Police's Cybercrime Unit, with industry recognised and NCSC accredited training can only enhance the reputation of the region. This is a great example of our commitment to socially responsible partnerships with the local business community."

## **About CySec Professionals Ltd**

Through its wholly owned professionals, academy, veterans and graduates focused websites, as well as growing and engaged global partnerships and networks, CySec Professionals Ltd delivers opportunity, education and inspiration for existing and future cybersecurity professionals worldwide.

## **About the North West Cyber Resilience Centre**

The Cyber Resilience Centre is a trusted, not-for-profit venture between Greater Manchester Police and Manchester Digital. It is our ambition that every business within our region will have the skills and knowledge to protect themselves from online attacks in order to make the region one of the safest places to live, work and do business.

We achieve this by providing education, testing and training delivered by our team of trusted professionals, seconded police officers and Ethical Hacking students studying at local universities.

We have developed an influential network of partners to support our effort across many sectors, including Banks, Professional Services, Law Enforcement, Local Government and Universities. Our work is overseen by a Guidance Council, which is drawn from representatives across the public, private and academic sectors.

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The Cyber Resilience Center was established in 2019 as the first centre in the country and a pathfinder to the National Police Chief's Council and the Home Office. We are proud to now form part of a national network of Cyber Resilience Centres, which exist to support the Police in keeping our communities safe.