

Northrop Grumman Helps to Improve Cyber Resilience in Greater Manchester

MANCHESTER, U.K. – Mar. 12, 2020 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has become a founding partner of the new Cyber Resilience Centre (CRC), a non-profit joint venture between Greater Manchester Police and Manchester Digital. The CRC is the first of its kind in England and aims to reduce the vulnerability of Greater Manchester's business community to cybercrime.

"It can be challenging to get ahead of crimes committed online that significantly impact local business," said Ben Palmer, group managing director, Northrop Grumman Europe. "Our capabilities in cyber-training and cyber-data analysis, coupled with our experience in helping organisations prepare for attacks, will contribute to making Greater Manchester a safer place to live and conduct business."

Northrop Grumman will work collaboratively with the CRC to help build police capability, educate businesses to increase the take-up of effective cyber security measures and liaise with education providers who are developing cybersecurity curricula.

"Cyber-crime is estimated to cost the Greater Manchester economy around £860m per year. Northrop Grumman brings world class skill, insight and expertise to this partnership, which will help our local businesses prepare for and respond to cyber attacks, whilst simultaneously supporting the development of our student community." said Neil Jones, Detective Superintendent, CRC.

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Businesses interested in accessing the Cyber Resilience Centre, should visit <u>https://www.manchesterdigital.com/digital-specialisms/cyber-security</u>