COMMON CYBER-SECURITY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED BY UK ORGANISATIONS

Every year, the Cyber Security Breaches Survey, commissioned by the Department for Science, Technology and Innovation as part of the National Cyber Security Programme, provides valuable insights into cyber-security and data breach trends reported by UK employers.

This infographic provides information on the actions organisations have taken to bolster their cyber-security efforts in the last 12 months.

IMPLEMENTING CYBER-SECURITY CONTROLS AND POLICIES

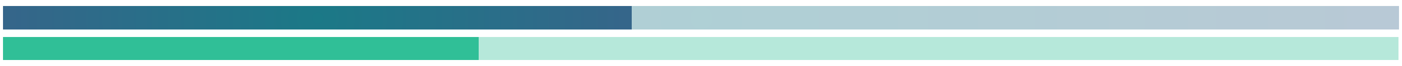
The four most common controls organisations have implemented to bolster their cyber-security are:

- **Having up-to-date malware protection**
- **Enforcing a password policy that ensures users select strong passwords**
- **Backing up data securely using a cloud service**
- **Restricting IT admin and access rights to specific users**

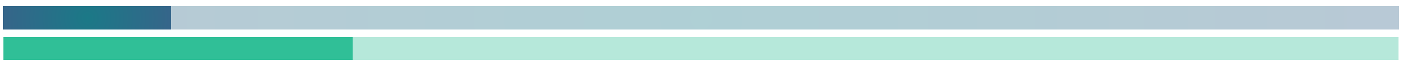
Across the last three waves of the survey, some areas of cyber-hygiene have seen consistent declines among businesses. These areas include:

- **Use of password policies**
- **Use of network firewalls**
- **Restriction of admin rights**
- **Policies to apply software security updates within 14 days**

Of the organisations that have formal policies covering cyber-security risks:

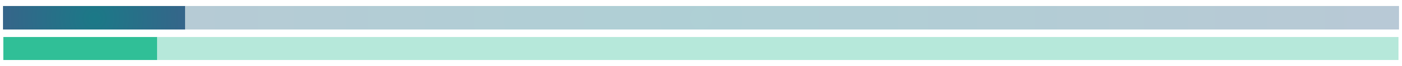


45% of businesses and **34%** of charities have reviewed their cyber-security policies within the last six months.

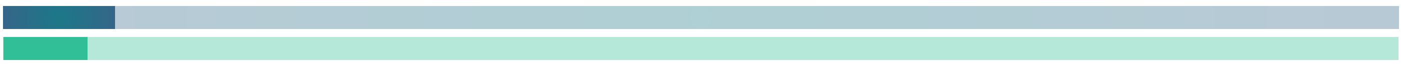


12% of businesses and **25%** of charities have not reviewed their policies in the last year.

RECOGNISING SUPPLIER RISKS



Only **13%** of businesses and **11%** of charities have formally reviewed the potential cyber-security risks presented by their **immediate** supply chains.



Only **8%** of businesses and **6%** of charities have included their **wider supply chains** in such a review.

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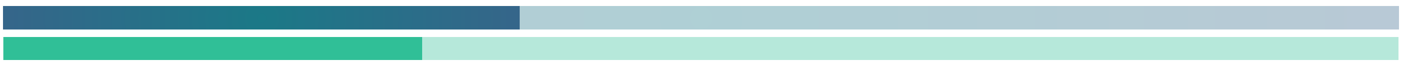

37% of businesses and **30%** of charities have implemented at least five of the government's "10 Steps to Cyber Security."

Just **2%** of businesses and charities have enacted all 10 steps, increasing to **7%** of medium businesses and **20%** of large businesses.

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