

Case Study: Competition Commission

The Challenge

Competition Commission (CC) had a need to confirm that their corporate network and systems supporting business critical communications were secure from an external & internal perspective. This was in line with maintaining their GSI connection.



The Project

CNS proposed a multi phased security assessment that included an external 'silver' penetration test from the internet on an agreed range of hosts and a time limited internal penetration test.

CNS also undertook an external security assessment from the GSI to satisfy GSI & ISO 27001 Best Practice recommendations.

The mixture of assessment activities offered CC a balanced mix of privileged and unprivileged testing which stringently enumerated all vulnerabilities on the network from a best practice perspective.

By choosing CNS's security assessment services, CC benefited from a CESG accredited test against their externally & internally facing network infrastructure.

Public Perception

Competition Commission, like any public sector organisation, has to consider carefully how it spends taxpayer's money and Convergent were able to bring the project in on time and to budget.

The Results

Convergent enumerated a number of high level vulnerabilities and a comprehensive roadmap to securing those vulnerabilities as well as offering future guidance on best practice was produced for CC, which in turn allowed for an improved level of security practice from both an external & internal viewpoint.

Furthermore, CNS's security assessment services have allowed CC to demonstrate to the GSI (Government Secure Intranet) that a prudent level of risk management towards data management has been followed. CC have subsequently re-certified their GSI connection following assistance from Convergent on the above security assessment projects.

Shane Watt, Information Security Officer, CC commented, "In the twelve months I have been working with CNS, I have found their technical competence, reliability & account management to be of an excellent standard.

This, as with all CNS projects, was delivered to time, budget & stated objectives.

I have therefore no hesitation in recommencing CNS's services to other interested parties and I look forward to continuing my successful business partnership with CNS in the future".

About Convergent Network Solutions

CNS is a specialist security and networking consultancy, established in the City of London in 1999. The company is wholly owned by its employees and directors. CNS has built an excellent reputation for information security & networking consultancy & services to our customers across a variety of sectors on a global scale. CNS's customers vary in size from FTSE 100 and large public sector organisations to SMEs, but are united in the importance of digital information to their business, and in their desire for pragmatic, knowledgeable help in securing their systems and data, and in meeting their connectivity requirements.

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