

Professionalising cyber security: The role of the UK Cyber Security Council



Budgie has worked in cyber security, defence and national security for nearly 30 years. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Information Security and is the Independent Industry Co-Chair of the UK Cyber Security Council Formation Project.

Budgie has a particular interest in developing and growing the cyber security profession. Until recently, he was the CEO of Qufaro, a company based in Bletchley Park that was formed to deliver cyber qualifications to schools and he also led the formation of the Trailblazer group to establish the new Level 3 cyber security apprenticeship standard.

Budgie holds a number of advisory roles supporting business Boards understand the cyber security landscape as well as supporting their business strategy development. In addition, he holds a number of other voluntary and advisory roles including:

- Industry Advisory Board for the Institute of Coding;
- Advisory Panel for the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security at Royal Holloway University London;
- Adviser to the government sponsored Cyber Security AcademicStart-up Accelerator Programme (CyberASAP)
- Member Security Sector Board of the Aerospace, Defence and Security trade body, ADS;
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