
Healthcare Cybersecurity: Integrate or Fail



A standards body has said that in order for healthcare IT security to succeed it has to align with the overall activities of an organisation if it has any chance of being effective.

The chief of the [Baldrige Performance Excellence Program](#) just launched under the umbrella of The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), says that cybersecurity systems cannot operate in isolation if they have any chance of succeeding.

"If your cybersecurity operations and approaches aren't integrated into your larger strategy, aren't integrated into your workforce development efforts, aren't integrated into the results of the things you track for your organisation and overall performance, then they're not likely to be effective," says Robert Fangmeyer, director of the programme.

The Baldrige Performance Excellence Program is a self-assessment tool that has been devised to help organisations upgrade their IT security capacity, set and achieve sustainable results.

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[NIST](#) says that the Baldrige Cybersecurity Excellence Builder is critical for:

- Identifying cybersecurity-related activities that are crucial to business strategy and service delivery;
- Prioritising investments for cybersecurity risk management;
- Assessment of how effective and efficient cybersecurity an organisation's standards, guidelines and practices are;
- Evaluation of cybersecurity results;
- Identification of priority areas for improvement.

The tool is adaptable to each organisation's needs rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach. It hones in on specific characteristics and strategies connected to cybersecurity.

The tool highlights areas such as how cybersecurity is deployed in leadership, strategy, customers, workforce and operations in addition to results in each of these sections.

Its assessment rubric helps organisations ascertain what maturity level their cybersecurity level is at: reactive, early, mature or a role model.

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