### The SOC and the NOC at JISC

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### The Jisc NOC Teams

### Jisc Service Desk (JSD)

# Network Engineering Group (NEG)

# Core Architecture Team (CAT)

- 1st Line NMS
- Services
- Upskilling
- Major Incidents
- Operations Contacts
- Contact Centre
- 24/7/365

- 2nd Line
- Managed Router Service
- Access to Core/Infrastructure
- Customer Facing
- 24/7/365 On-call
- Product/Service development
- Field and Operations

- 3rd Line
- Infrastructure and Core network
- · Capacity planning and provision
- Project lead
- 24/7/365 On-call
- Network Design
- Dedicated Optical Team











### CSIRT was...

## Incident Response (CSIRT)

Network Engineering Group (NEG)

- Incident response (advice & guidance only)
- Limited netflow alerting capability
  - Primarily open source driven
  - DDoS detections
  - Scanning activity
- Limited host forensic capability

• DDoS mitigations via MRS











### Where we were (Whac-A-Mole)

- NOC and CSIRT
- Netflow exports from core
- Reactive response to live incidents
- Blocks placed manually by NOC on a-end or MRS
   Only involved with Janet side, up to firewall demarc
- Working as separate teams













### **Jisc NOC/SOC Capability Timeline**

### **Timeline** Full SOC service Forming of Protective Service NOC & CSIRT only (EDR/SIEM/SOAR) Forming of Cyber Division Threat hunting (Netflow) COVID19 · No dedicated cyber service Dedicated DDoS team · NOC Managed Firewall Large increase in · Data Exfiltration alerting Limited CSIRT support NOC/ SOC Improved Arbor/NetScout (Oct) Ransomware attacks Forensics (DFIR) Limited NOC containment TMS Established (Oct) Communications **Future** 2020 2022 < 2015 2016 2021 **Present** 2018 2015 Forming of new NOC / Protective Services · Major DDoS attack against L3 VRF introduced CSIRT team NCSC Assured CSIRT JANET (Dec 2015) Establishment of CTI **CREST Assured CSIRT** Arbor containment Protective DNS (JNRS) · Threat Intelligence capability introduced Forensics (DFIR) DDoS mitigations · Arbor containment capability · Data exfiltration alerting











### Where we are

- NOC / SOC / CSIRT
- Netflow exports from core
- Working between teams for capacity planning and projects
- Shared access to data













### The Jisc SOC Teams

Incident Response (CSIRT) Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI)

Defensive Services (DS) Digital Forensics (DFIR) Cyber
Security
Threat
Monitoring
(CSTM)

- Incident Management
- Containment, eradication, and recovery support
- EDR/XDR deployment (CrowdStrike)
- Security hardening workshops (AD, M365, Azure, AWS)
- Analyse the current & emerging threat landscape
- Exploit and Threat Monitoring
- Threat Actor Profiling
- · Threat Intelligence sharing

- DDoS monitoring and mitigation
- Network monitoring for all Janet connected organisations
- Host and Network containment

- Identification of IOCs, TTPs & incident scope to support IR
- Root Cause Analysis
- Compromise Assessment
- Incident reporting

- Threat Detection based on SIEM Use Cases
- MITRE ATT&CK® aligned
- 24/7 alerting

NCSC Cyber Incident Response Level 2 Accredited

**CREST Cyber Incident Response Accredited** 

Advice, Guidance and Communities (Cyber Community)





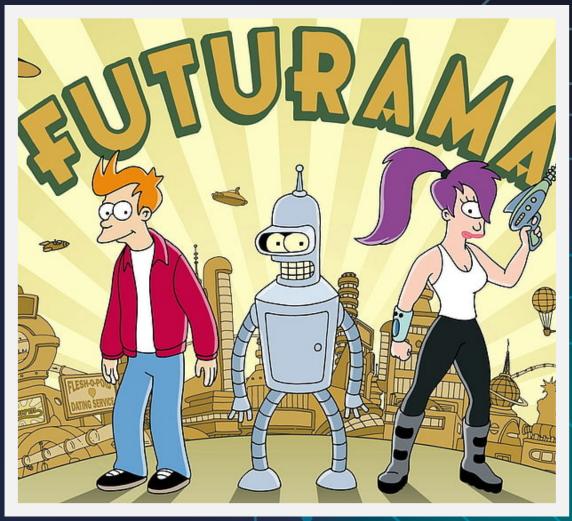






### Where we are going (The World of Tomorrow)

- NOC / SOC / CSIRT
- NOC Managed Firewall
- Better communication between teams in general
- Better / shared visibility of active mitigations













- Tier 1 + Membership
- CSIRT on call Containment 24x7 2-hour response
- Cloud based SIEM (CSTM)
- EDR/XDR (Servers) Manage, Detect and Respond
- Round the clock protection against DDoS attacks
- Annual CIS Health check (3 days)
- CSIRT 10 x 5 4-hour response SLA
- Foundation DDoS mitigation service
- CTI Cyber Threat Intelligence
- Primary/Secondary Name Service
- Major incident support
  - Including CTI and Foundation Forensics
  - EDR support max 30 days

















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# **Member Detections** EDR/XDR **■** Microsoft CROWDSTRIKE **Defender IDENTITY** Active Directory Azure Active Directory **NETWORK** VPN **FIREWALL**

## Jisc Threat Feeds ČÍNTEL471 Janet National Cyber Security Centre SIEM **Security Centre** (SOC) SOAR **MDR** Member Security Posture IT Health Check

**Threat Hunting** 

**Vulnerability Data** 





Jisc Response

2 High confidence IoCs (OOH)

3 High confidence IoCs (in-

hours) request containment2 High confidence IoCs (OOH)

CSIRT on-call containment

Internal Teams messages sent

Email sent to the customer

Communicate
Ticket raised in ITSM

engage CSIRT on-call

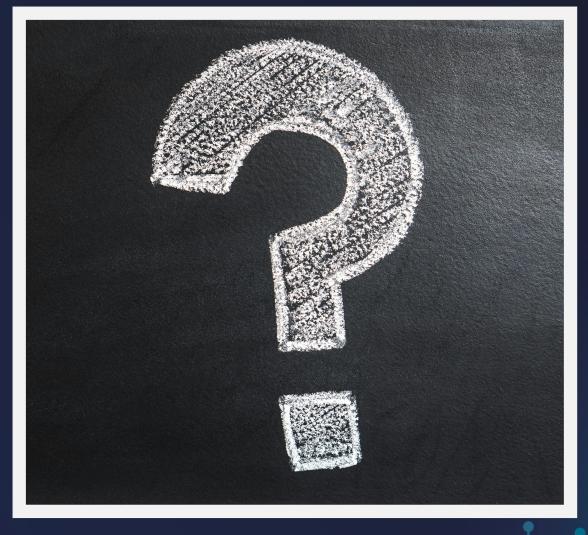
Identify

Contain

Triage (in-hours)Escalation (in-hours)



### **Questions?**













### Thank you

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