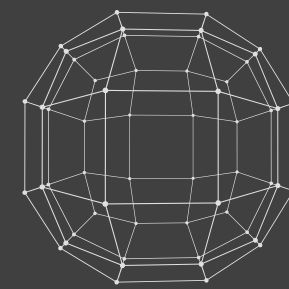


UK's Public Sector Sets Sights on Digital Transformation with Cybersecurity a Top Driver



Legacy IT and the Drive to Digital Transformation



An estimated **60%** of UK central government departments have an IT modernisation strategy in place and even more want to upgrade legacy systems due to security vulnerabilities



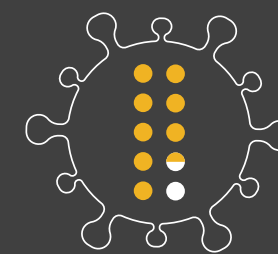
A majority (**63%**) of respondents claimed Legacy IT is limiting either business productivity or their ability to manage their estate.



A third (**32%**) believe it is also limiting the quality of public services

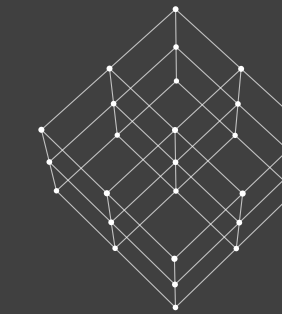


80% think digital transformation will improve innovation and collaboration between departments



Although most (**84%**) said their IT modernisation plans had accelerated due to COVID-19, cybersecurity concerns also seem to be a major driver of change.

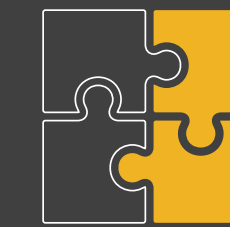
The Growing Cyber Threat Landscape



Interestingly, security was not only viewed as a top driver for IT modernisation but also one of the biggest barriers to infrastructure upgrades (**68%**), second only to integration issues (**69%**).



Vulnerabilities were cited by **75%** as the reason for legacy upgrades, second only to performance improvements (**76%**).



The lack of integration between legacy IT and modern security solutions was the top data protection risk highlighted by respondents (**53%**), although "managing risk" came top in the NHS (**55%**) and "securing traffic flows" was the number one issue for public administration officials (**61%**).



Nearly two-thirds (**63%**) said they experienced a security incident in the past six months and over half of these (**52%**) came as a result of missing patches.



Going forward, technology (**44%**) will be the main focus for cybersecurity improvements, rather than matters of investment, strategy or training.