

Information Security Forum

Housemark's Information Security Forum is the place to discuss cyber security and governance for housing specialists and is the first WARP (Warning Advice and Report Point) for housing associations in the UK.

Led by information security experts and partners, membership of the Information Security Forum gives you access to essential information about current potential threats to your business and offers a safe space to share advice, guidance and valuable experiences with peers – to help you stay ahead in an ever-changing environment.



Why join the Information Security Forum?

Cyber security is a hot topic in the sector with several recent high profile cyber incidents. Any organisation working with digital technologies is vulnerable to cyber attacks which can have a huge impact on your organisation operationally, financially and reputationally.

As a member of the forum, you benefit from:

- Supplier and guest speaker presentations, discussion and analysis of the latest issues, plus news and project updates from members
- Warnings about current threats, including software vulnerabilities, malware outbreaks or hacking attacks
- Advice and valuable feedback from experts and your peers, and a confidential discussion space to share your own experiences
- Access to the WARP Talk Slack Channel for discussion between meetings

How does the forum work?

The forum blends a mixture of facilitated meetings and secure online workspaces to support effective knowledge exchange and support. There are eight online meetings a year, with two parts to every meeting.

- An open session with supplier and guest speaker presentations, discussion and analysis of the latest issues, news and project updates from engaged organisations or members of the group and covers a wide variety of assurance activities.
- A closed session allowing members to share current projects and issues including details of any information security incidents. This format supports secure sharing of sensitive technical or organisational information, allowing requests for, and offers of, assistance to be made, building trust amongst members.

Who is involved?

Organised by Housemark, the forum is chaired by Arturo Dell, Associate Director at Housemark and an expert in data, digital and technology in the public sector. Arturo has worked in cybersecurity for over 20 years and has held a CISSP certification since 2012. The forum is the official WARP for housing associations and ALMOs and is coordinated by Matt Smith who is one of the founders of the WARP movement in the UK and currently manages both Information Security for London (ISfL) – London's public sector WARP and the South East Government WARP (SEGWARP). He is part of the Cyber Technical Advisory Group (CTAG) Core Delivery Team.

Forum membership is open to any professional working in the housing sector whose role covers:

- Information security / cyber security
- Information management
- Information assurance
- GDPR/compliance

How much does it cost to join the forum?

For existing Housemark members, it's just £2,930 + VAT per year. For non-members, the price is £3,560 + VAT.

There are discounted rates for joining the forum at any time through the year.

Forum membership covers your whole organisation, so you and multiple colleagues can attend.

The Information Security Forum provides a friendly and safe space to discuss housing sector specific threats, security solutions and shared intelligence.

Excellent value for many colleagues at Sanctuary and I recommend that you check them out if you want to improve your housing security network.

Colin Williams, Information Security Manager, Sanctuary

For more information and to join, contact helen.williams@housemark.co.uk or visit housemark.co.uk

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