



CyberFirst

Challenge

Austin Elliot was commissioned to roll out the CyberFirst initiative, supporting Cyber Security education.

This was an initiative commissioned by the NCSC, which took an iterative approach delivered by region, scaling the programme to increase the talent pipeline for cyber security skills across the UK, with the aim of addressing the skills shortage in this area.

Solution

Austin Elliot created the cyber security education maturity model, applied regionally, to evaluate the relative maturity of education across regional education ecosystems. This was then used to assess performance by region, against the national average and the original baseline.

The programme delivered modelling of 7 UK regions, identifying regional partners who Austin Elliot were able to facilitate the establishment of partnerships across those regions, to scale CyberFirst in schools.

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Results

Austin Elliot's baseline maturity assessments for 7 UK regions were the core product delivered, which assisted the scaling of CyberFirst in schools, and reducing business overheads for the programme as a whole. As a result of CyberFirst's implementation, general increases in the uptake of computer science and related subjects were recorded by schools, as well as that of cyber security qualifications by students engaged by the programme.

