Sophos provides defence in depth alongside Windows 10 ATP and supports SABP with Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation

Customer-at-a-Glance
Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is the leading provider of health and social care services for people of all ages with mental ill-health and learning disabilities in Surrey and North East Hampshire, as well as drug and alcohol services in Surrey and Brighton. It employs 2,300 staff across 39 sites, serving a population of 1.3 million people.

Industry
- Healthcare

Number of Users
- 3,500

Sophos Solutions
- Sophos Central

Sophos Customer
- Since October 2009

SABP A customer success story
In response to the damage caused by the WannaCry attack, and in an era when Windows 10 is being rolled out by NHS Digital, many NHS Trusts are now exploring additional ways to protect themselves from online threats. Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SABP) is one of those Trusts and puts cybersecurity at the heart of everything it does. Keen to build on the protection provided by Windows 10 ATP, the SABP team has turned to Sophos for a systematic approach to defence in depth.

**Business challenges**

Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust faces three key challenges, including:

**Targeted online threats**

NHS Trusts across the country have been reacting to the shockwaves caused by the Wannacry virus by searching for additional layers of security to keep patients, data, and staff safe from harm. Many are turning to Sophos to see how their existing defences can be strengthened.

**Working towards Cyber Essentials Plus**

A base layer of products is already in place for SABP to work towards Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation, yet with additional help from Sophos they hope to make this a reality much faster. Through gaining Cyber Essentials Plus, they also aim to become an exemplar Trust in Surrey and beyond.

**Fewer IT staff**

With fewer IT staff working in the NHS compared to corporate environments, any software has to be simple to use yet effective. This is why SABP choose Sophos – for ease of management alongside a powerful solution.

Maintaining a safe network requires training and educating employees. Sophos worked with Kristallis to educate its employees on the various threats they may encounter and how to protect themselves from ransomware and phishing attacks.

“Now that our staff, myself included, know what to look out for, everyone feels more comfortable when conducting business online,” said Andrew.
The technical solution

The IT team at SABP are now working with Sophos to make defence in depth a reality through the Synchronized Security platform and Sophos Central. The Sophos Central console sits in front of Windows 10 ATP, providing an additional layer of protection to fortify its defences, enabling the organisation to keep its systems even more safe and secure.

Sophos Central provides SABP with a simple way to manage and view all security solutions in one place, rather than having multiple solutions/consoles from other vendors where gaps could occur. It is easy and intuitive to set up. Further benefits include:

- Multi-layered/defence in-depth security for use with Windows 7 or Window 10
- Excellent server protection (not included in the Windows 10 agreement that NHS Digital procured)
- A systematic and synchronised security framework that ties endpoints to firewalls for better protection
- Simple migration that is possible on your own or with help from a professional services consultant

Business benefits

According to Toby Avery, chief digital and information officer at SABP, Sophos benefits the Trust through another layer of security in addition to Windows 10 ATP, and a single pane of glass through which to view its entire estate.

Furthermore, Sophos is helping the Trust with working towards Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation, with additional layers to fortify Windows 10 ATP and assisting in demonstrating its security capabilities.

“We have found Sophos to be a solid and reliable antivirus vendor,” says Toby. “If you are currently procuring a security solution look into Sophos. They are a key partner and will support you as you improve your security posture.”

Matt McCormick is associate director of digital for infrastructure operations at SABP. He believes that implementation of Sophos Central alongside Windows 10 ATP has been very simple.

“It took just a few days,” he says. “We used a third party, and Sophos Central was implemented on endpoints and the server estate with minimal disruption. Plus, there have been no issues since then. Sophos enhances our security footprint and adds a mitigating layer above ATP to ensure we are protected at all times.”

Jonathan summarises: “Sophos works extremely closely with many NHS customers and we have done so for over 30 years. As a U.K.-headquartered company, we understand the needs of the NHS very well and our products have been designed to meet its requirements.”

“Windows 10 ATP is an effective and robust solution but it doesn’t protect us against every vector. We believe strongly in a multi-layered approach and Sophos provides us with the additional security we need.”

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