

UK convenes nations for talks on global cybersecurity



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Talks between leading nations on how to tackle the growing threat of cyber attacks are to be convened by the UK on Monday as part of a three-day summit on the issue.

Ministers will be joined by representatives from the US, EU and others for talks on how to strengthen global cybersecurity workforces, including through boosting skills and developing new professional standards.

The talks come in the wake of a number of high-profile cybersecurity incidents globally, including the cyber attacks on Transport for London and [NHS](#) providers, as well as the global IT outage which shut down global transportation systems and other infrastructure.

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Last week, the UK designated data centres as Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) in order to give the sector greater protection and support from cyber incidents, blackouts and environmental disasters.

As well as the international collaboration on the issue, the [Government](#) has announced a new scheme to fund the providing of new cyber skills training at universities, local councils and businesses in regions across [England](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) to help bolster security, as well as to help organisations developing new technologies for use in cyber defence.

Cyber security minister Feryal Clark said: “The UK needs a significant improvement in its cyber defences after the previous government failed to strengthen our cyber laws – we’re fixing that.

“Later this year, we’ll bring forward new measures to better protect the nation from cyber crime and our new regional skills programme will support the next generation of cyber talent and innovators.

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