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To: All NSI approved ARCs and applicants

Dear Colleague,

IMPORTANT: REQUIREMENT FOR ARCs REGISTERING FOR ECHO TO HOLD CYBER ESSENTIALS CERTIFICATION

There is a requirement for all Alarm Receiving Centres (ARCs) registering for ECHO to hold either Cyber Essentials (basic) or Cyber Essentials Plus certification.

ARCs can start the ECHO registration process without certification and can progress through to completion of configuration and testing but will need to supply their Cyber Essentials certificate at the contract signing stage to enable them to go live on ECHO and be connected to the Police. You can find more information about connecting to ECHO here:

<https://www.echo.uk.net/news/how-do-i-connect-to-echo.html>

For those ARCs who do not yet hold Cyber Essentials certification, there are many certification bodies in the marketplace all equally capable of delivering assessment services. NSI would like to bring to your attention that it has recently partnered with a certification body, Risk Crew, and is offering a direct route to Cyber Essentials certification for all NSI approved companies. You can find out more about the services offered and how to enquire on the NSI website:

<https://www.nsi.org.uk/approved-companies/cyber-essentials-scheme/>

If you are interested in receiving further information about NSI's Cyber Essentials certification services, please don't hesitate to get in touch at cyberessentials@nsi.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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