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# Cyber Governance Package



# 74%

Of large organisations surveyed identified a breach or attack in 2023. This is broadly **consistent with 2016 figures** (CSBS, 2024).

# 83%

Indicated the **need for additional solutions** that standardise 'what good looks like' for effective cyber risk management (Call for Evidence, 2020).

# 58%

Of medium and 66% of large businesses surveyed **have a formal cyber security strategy** in place (Cyber Security Breaches Survey, 2024).

# 55%

Just over half of medium businesses surveyed have a **formal incident response plan** in place, rising to 73% for large businesses (CSBS, 2024).

# 63%

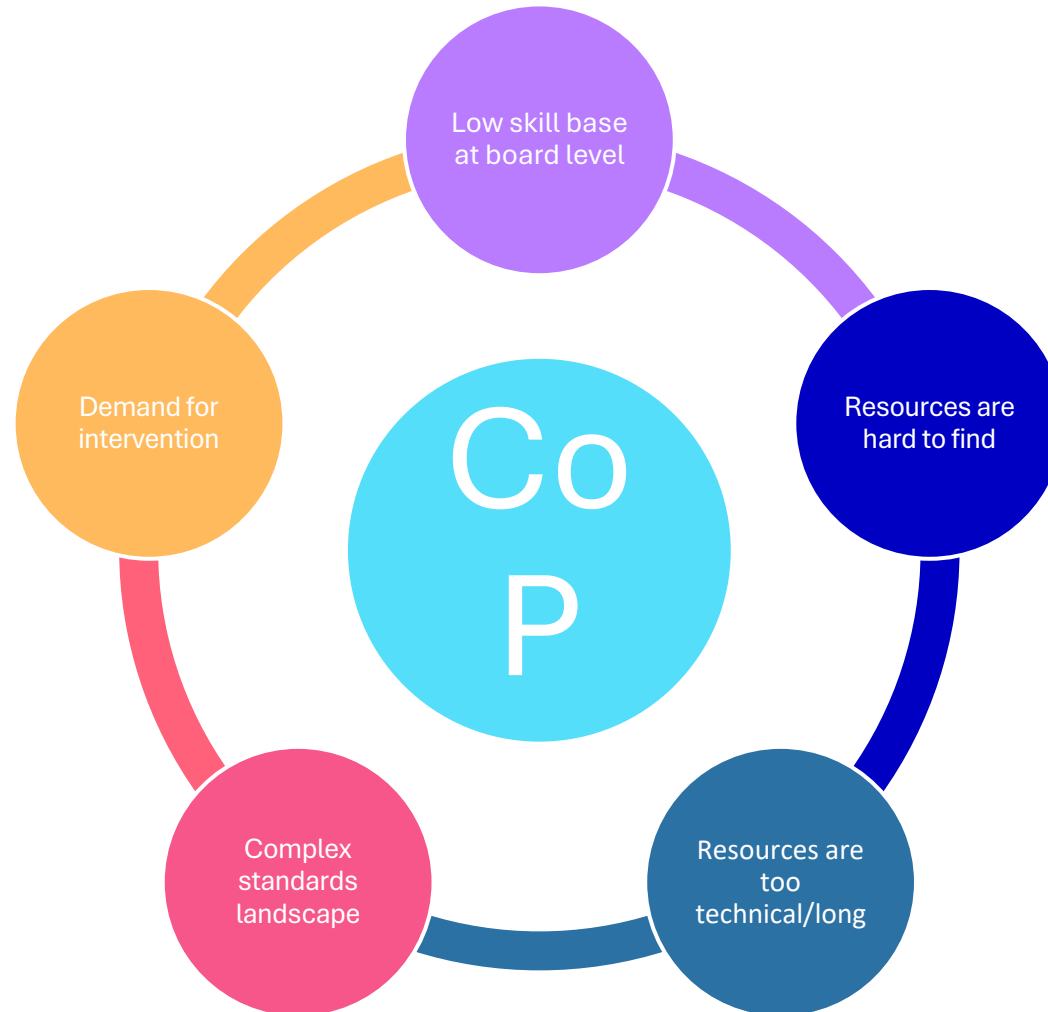
Of medium and 72% of large businesses surveyed, **had undertaken a cyber security risk assessment** in the last year. (CSBS, 2024).

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## Why?



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## The Code

The principles focus on the most critical areas that directors must engage with, rather than being an exhaustive list, and will articulate specific actions against:

- **Principle A:** Risk management
- **Principle B:** Cyber Strategy
- **Principle C:** People
- **Principle D:** Incident planning and response
- **Principle E:** Assurance and oversight



# CYBER GOVERNANCE CODE OF PRACTICE

Overview of critical  
cyber governance  
areas

Tailored specifically  
to directors,  
particularly non-  
cyber specialists

Simple to engage  
with

Practical and  
actions-based

Formalise government's expectations of directors for governing  
cyber risk



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# CALL FOR VIEWS

Proposed code of practice  
published in a call for views in  
January 2024

DSIT sought feedback on:

- The design and content of the code
- How to drive uptake and barriers to implementation
- The need for an assurance process



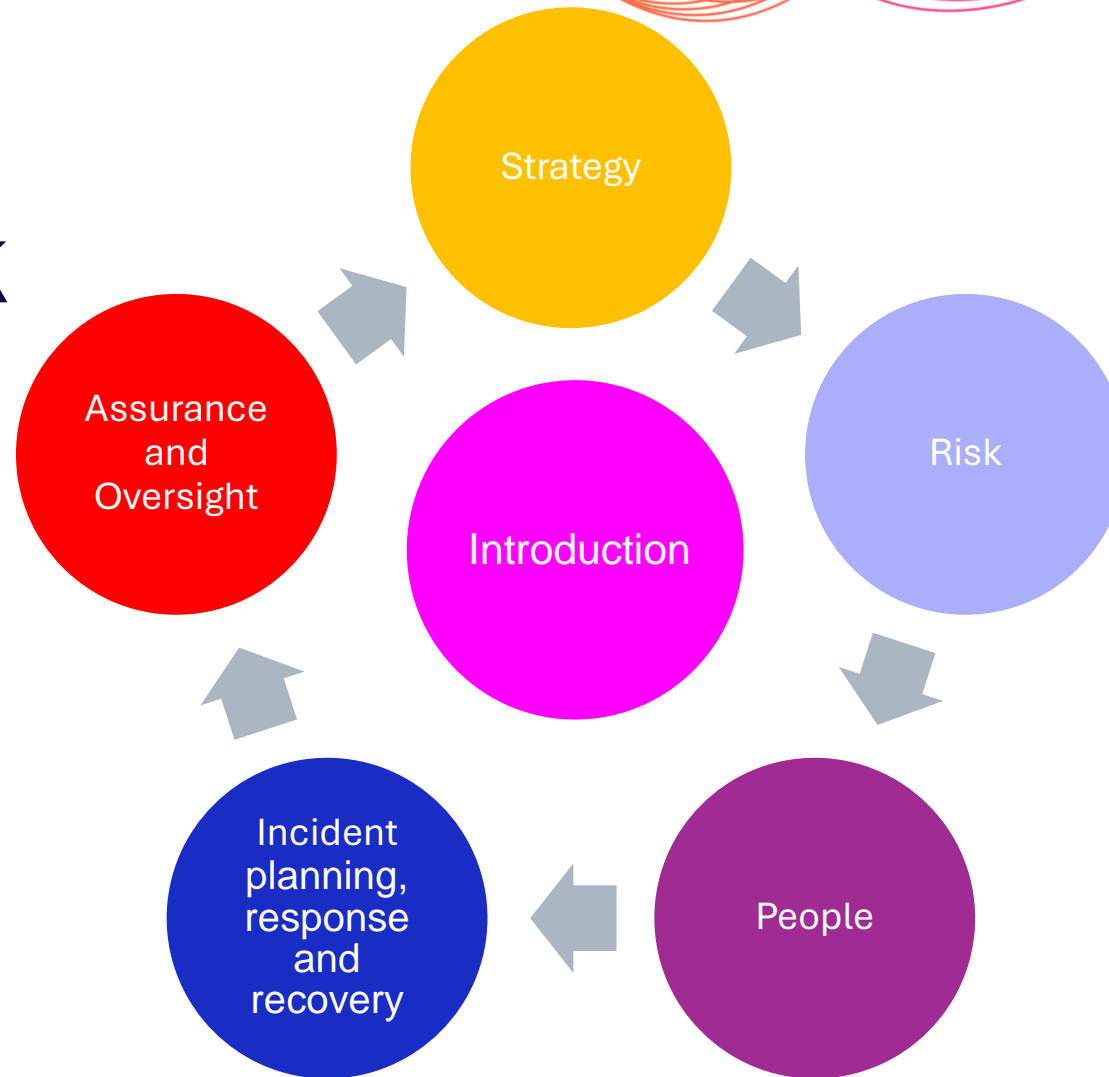
# Leadership Training Pack

## Purpose

- Explains how to implement the actions from the code
- Supports boards in integrating cyber risk management into governance
- Sets expectations for leadership accountability in cybersecurity.

# Leadership Training Pack

## Modules





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## Introduction

Welcome to the module. An overview of what this principle is, why it's needed and the responsibilities and accountabilities.

## In practice

An introduction to the scenario-based activity, including meeting the main character.

## Scenario

Three scenario-based activities to test learners' application of the Code in Practice.

## Summary

Key messages for the learners to take forward. Including links to NCSC help pages.

## Takeaway

A pdf best-practice guide to applying this principle.

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## Leadership Training Strategy

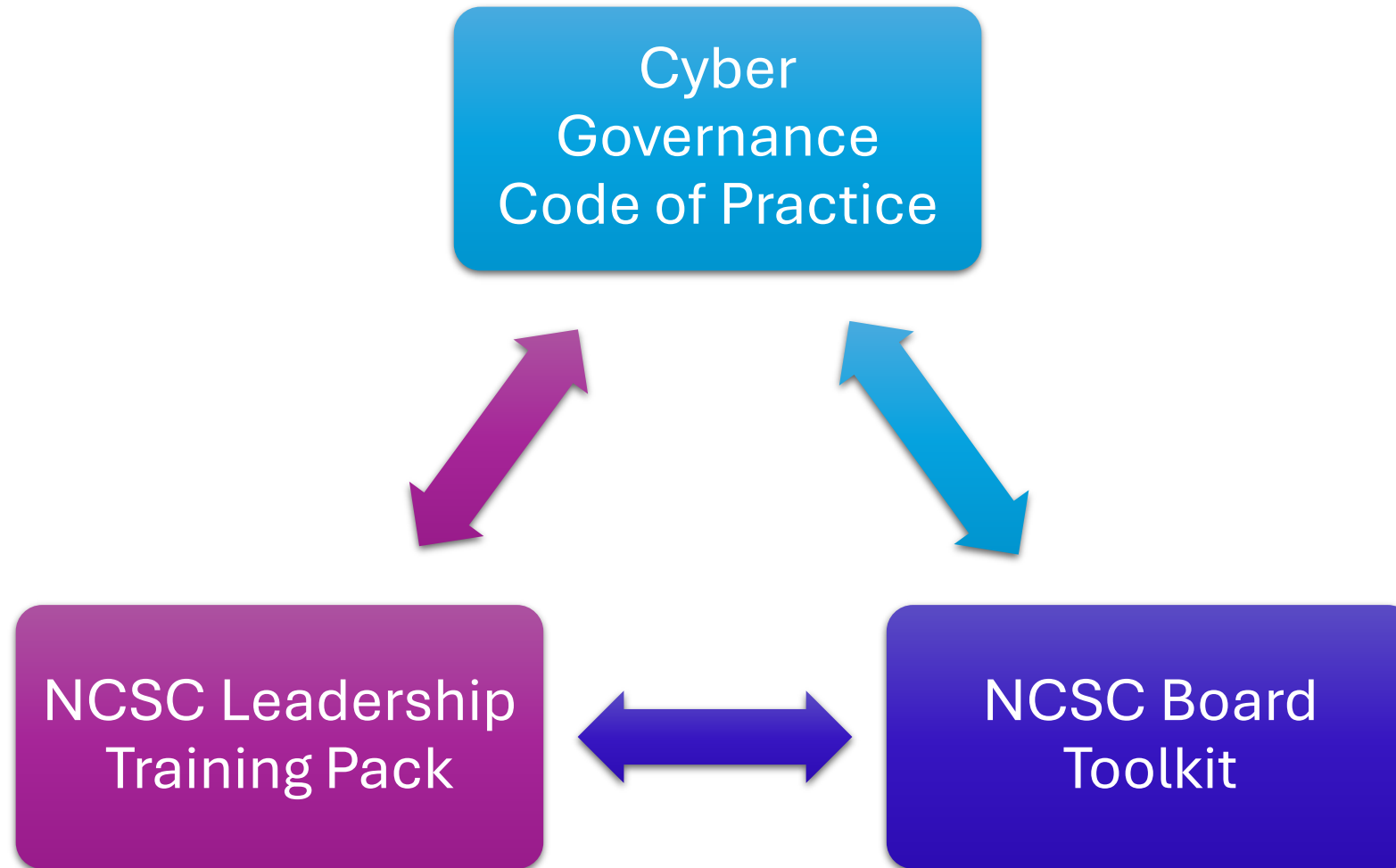
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Schools



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# MAPPING THE CODE



## Government

NCSC products

DORA Framework

ANSSI Risk Management Guide

NIST CSF 2.0

CISA Cyber Security Toolkit

## Private

IASME Cyber Assure

ISACA COBIT

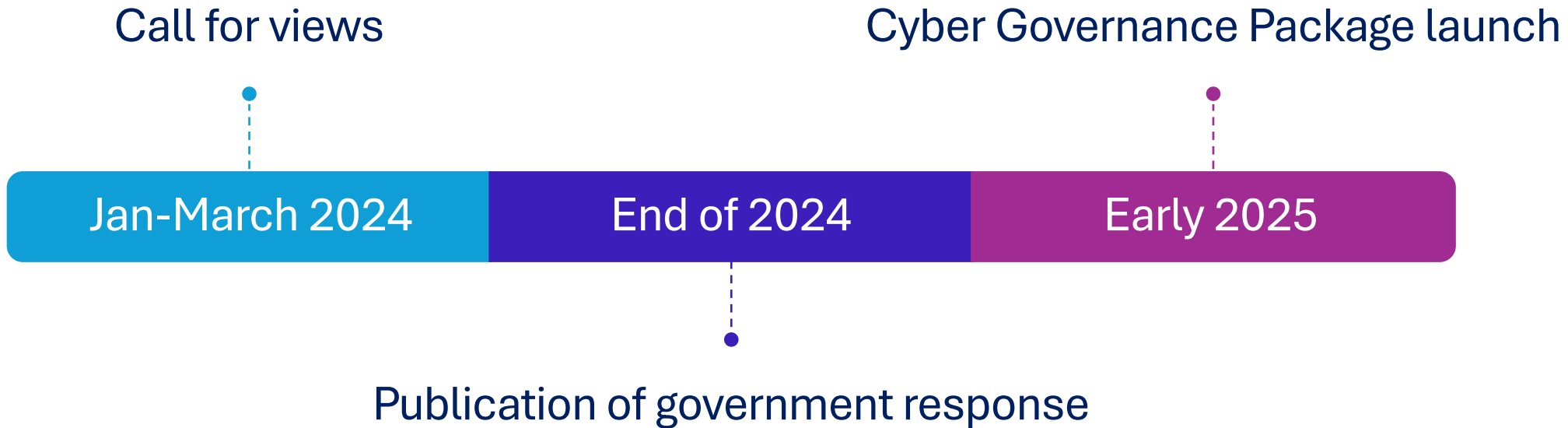
ISACA CMMI

## International

ISO27001

WEF Principles for Board Governance of Cyber Risk

ISA Director's Handbook





# Exercise – getting assurance

- Imagine you need to get assurance that your organisation (or an organisation you are assessing) has completed the actions in the Cyber Governance Code of Practice.
- Work together to draft a questions that you could ask for each action which gathers the relevant information to understand if that action has been completed.
- E.g. Risk Management: Action 1 – ‘Do we know what our most important digital processes are? How have we identified these processes?’