Your CISO Better be Happy

WannaCry, Petya and other attacks make the work of cybersecurity professionals more challenging. Often, they need to work long hours – even during weekends – just to ensure their respective organisations are protected from IT security-related threats.

Nearly half of cybersecurity professionals reported there have been security incidents similar to WannaCry that they worked on just as frantically that the public never hears about, according to a recent survey conducted at the Infosecurity Europe 2017 event by cybersecurity vendor Farsight Security.

"Securing the internet, our businesses and national infrastructure is one of the world's most critical challenges," Paul Vixie, CEO, co-founder and chairman of Farsight Security, points out. "Cybersecurity professionals work hard behind the scenes to avert disasters that we rarely hear about, and we need more like them."

In order to mount the best defence, healthcare leaders need to make sure the workers defending the castle are content. Interestingly, a new report from Farsight indicates that these workers are pretty happy despite some challenges. In a survey of 360 information security professionals, more than half (57 percent) of respondents say that they work weekends and, on average, nearly a third (29 percent) work 10 hours a day.

But despite the overtime, nearly all (97 percent) of those polled said they still find their job rewarding and the vast majority (85 percent) said they plan to stay in security, according to Farsight.

This enthusiasm for the job and the intent to stay are good news for healthcare leaders, considering today's cybersecurity skills shortage and the increasing financial and other implications of cybercrime, the report notes.

In addition to working weekends, 51 percent of survey respondents said they more than once had missed an important event due to a security-related incident at work.

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