

UK Councils Faced 800 Cyber-Attacks Per Hour

According to the Gallagher insurance broker, local UK authorities are facing an unprecedented wave of cyber attacks that in the first half of 2019 amount to nearly 800 every hour. Of the 203 councils that responded to the company's requests for freedom of information (FOI), almost half (49%) were the target since the beginning of 2017, and more than a third (37%) was attacked in the first half of the year.

During the first six months of 2019, these councils experienced 263 million attacks – a figure likely to be much higher if they consider those authorities who choose not to respond to the FOI's request. However, despite the firewall, most authorities seem to hold back: according to Gallagher, only 17 attacks resulted in data or money loss, although one council reported a loss of over £ 2 million.

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