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the North East from common cyber attacks



Public urged to secure second-hand devices ahead of January sales

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THREAT

Traditionally, the post-Christmas and New Year period sees a rise in the number of people selling their second-hand devices, such as mobile phones and tablets, as they have been replaced by newer versions over the festive season.

These devices – especially smartphones – contain more work, personal, and financial data than ever before, and this guidance highlights the importance of erasing this before selling so that it does not inadvertently fall into the hands of criminals.

ADVICE

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has advice and guidance for buying and selling second-hand devices. This includes information for:

- 1. Before you erase the data on your device**
- 2. Erasing the data on your device**
- 3. Choosing a second-hand device**
- 4. Before using your second-hand device**

The full guidance can be found at:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/buying-selling-second-hand-devices>

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to Action Fraud