



Case Study



A Current State Security Assessment provided Bethesda Hospital with a clear understanding of their approach to information security.

THE CLIENT

Serving the Western Australian community for over 70 years, Bethesda Hospital is an independent acute surgical and specialist palliative care hospital situated on the shores of Perth's picturesque Swan River.

With 88 beds comprising of 68 overnight beds and 20 day procedure beds, 9 operating theatres and state-of-the-art facilities, Bethesda offers a range of clinical specialties and onsite services.

THE BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Bethesda management wanted a clear understanding of the quality and effectiveness of their security programme

in protecting key assets and corporate data.

The focus of the assessment was to obtain an understanding of the systems and services utilised by Bethesda, including the types of information handled and processed. Additional to this, the types of ICT risks present in the environment would need to be identified, and controls in place to support the information security function and associated objectives.

THE SOLUTION

Asterisk Information Security was selected to review the key information security controls in place at Bethesda.

Asterisk's approach involved several assessment activities, including:

- Review of current ICT based risks, either captured formally in a risk register, or determined through informal discussions with key stakeholders.
- Identification and review of controls deployed throughout the



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environment. Controls in this sense relate to technical, physical, and administrative (e.g. policy and process).

- Identification of current processes that support security education and awareness initiatives.
- Development of recommendations designed to improve the quality of the security framework.

“Rather than perform an exhaustive review of all identified risks and controls, the intention of a Current State Security Assessment is to obtain a level of detail sufficient to determine the deficiencies that exist in an organisation’s approach to information security,” said Greg Roberts, Director, Consulting and Infrastructure Services Manager at Asterisk Information Security.

“Once the control environment was assessed, our team provided Bethesda with a report containing all findings and an associated set of recommendations. A summary of the opportunities for improvement identified through the assessment was also included, in addition

to an overview of the key controls identified.”

THE BENEFITS

“After engaging Asterisk to conduct a Current State Security Assessment, management has confidence in the current controls as well as a clear, prioritised, roadmap for continued improvement to further support information security,” said Luke Pasotti, Manager, Business Performance and Development at Bethesda.

“In addition, Asterisk provided us with the actions required to implement improvements.”



A proactive approach to information security ensures that Bethesda remains dedicated to its mission to deliver the highest quality healthcare experience for its patients.

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