Key findings:

- Just over a third (34%) of businesses in this sector experienced crime in 2017, a statistically significant decrease from 2013 (45%).

- The most common crime type experienced by this sector in 2017 was assaults and threats. There were 44,000 incidents of assaults and threats in this sector in 2017, which is in line with the number estimated in 2013 (also 44,000 incidents).

- Although assaults and threats was the most common crime type against this sector, only 9% of premises had experienced this crime type, suggesting a high repeat victimisation rate for assaults and threats (10 per premises).

- Larger-sized businesses in this sector experienced a higher crime rate compared with medium and smaller-sized businesses. The assaults and threats incidence rate against larger-sized businesses (50+ employees) in this sector was around 7 times higher than that against medium-sized businesses (10-49 employees) and around 16 times higher than smaller sized businesses (1-9 employees).

- There were 5,000 incidents of online crime against this sector, a non-significant fall compared with 12,000 incidents in 2013.

- A small proportion of businesses in this sector experienced at least one type of online crime in 2017 (11%), a significant reduction in prevalence of online crime compared with 2013 (16%).

- In line with other sectors, computer viruses were the most commonly experienced online crime, accounting for 46% of all incidents of online crime against this sector.