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and evolutionary UK cyber capabilities, ensuring that the UK is more resilient to cyber attacks and can exploit the opportunities of cyberspace.

Working in partnership

Some aspects of this programme will be contracted through a number of mechanisms throughout the 2015/16 year.

Details of these routes to contracting can be found in the 'How to sell to Dstl - get involved' factsheet.

Cyber Vulnerability Investigations (CVI) conducted by Dstl, with support from external partners, identified areas of risk to MOD's platforms and systems. They provided MOD and wider government with the tools, processes, skills and capacity it will need to effectively conduct CVIs at scale across the defence enterprise. This improves the resilience of military platforms and will ultimately help preserve MOD's freedom of action.

For more information on this programme, contact: centralenquiries@dstl.gov.uk.

The National Security Strategy (2010) recognised that a hostile attack on UK cyberspace is a tier one risk.

The Cyber Programme aims to develop the knowledge and tools the Ministry of Defence (MOD) needs to support the National Security Strategy by defending itself in cyberspace to meet UK military, diplomatic and economic objectives.

It is an integral part of a cross-Government transformative programme intended to deliver highly effective revolutionary

Approximate funding (2015/16):

£36.1 million - 40% is delivered externally*

*The 2015/16 funding is a projected forecast and is subject to change in-year.

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