

## The Digital Continuity Senior Responsible Owner



**Digital continuity is the ability to use your information in the way that you need, for as long as you need.**

### Why do you need an SRO?

Managing digital continuity requires active involvement from various functions across the business. If this is not co-ordinated, any action taken is unlikely to be effective and efficient. An SRO can provide the leadership and overview required to drive the action necessary to manage all risks to digital continuity.

### Who will take on the role of SRO?

The organisation's Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) should appoint a Digital Continuity Senior Responsible Owner (SRO).

The SRO is not a full time role, but needs to have the authority and understanding of information management, IT and information risk in order to secure collaboration and drive action.

### What does the role involve?

The responsibility of the SRO is to ensure the digital continuity of an organisation's information assets. The SRO advocates digital continuity and champions its effective management across the organisation, elevating issues to board level as necessary. They ensure that the business requirement for digital continuity is included in relevant strategies and plans, that risks are managed, and that the right systems and structures are embedded in the business.

### Help from the Digital Continuity Service

The Digital Continuity Service includes guidance, tools and services, and a risk assessment process, including specific guidance for the SRO.

For more information, help and support see our website:  
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