The Cyber Outstanding Security Performance Awards (OSPAs), based on the [International Outstanding Security Performance Awards scheme](#), recognise and reward initiatives across the cyber security sector. The Cyber OSPAs are designed to be both independent and inclusive, providing an opportunity for outstanding performers to be recognised and their success to be celebrated.

Police Scotland's Cybercrime Harm Prevention Team were represented at the 2024 annual awards ceremony in London on 23rd April where they won their category of Outstanding Police/Law Enforcement Initiative for the recurring programme, Cyber Career Week.

Cyber Career Week was developed by PC's Andrew Law and Mark Gordon and is a work experience educational programme to engage young people about opportunities in cybersecurity and highlighting offending behaviours within the Computer Misuse Act that could limit their futures.

Activities included in the programme include developing student understanding of OSINT (Open Source Intelligence), social engineering, the ransomware kill chain and the Cybercrime Harm Prevention team's role in response to cyber-attacks. The students are also tasked with developing their own response to a ransomware attack including elements of information sharing protocols, media strategies and the importance of exercising to prepare for potential attack.

This is the second OSPA win for the department.