

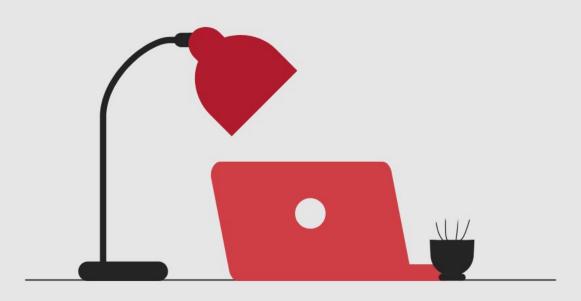
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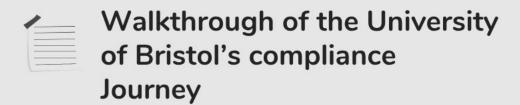
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## What we will cover today....









# Payments Acceptance & Compliance Team





We are in Finance Services which is part of a wider Income and Credit Control department



The team is responsible for dealing with all commercial income related tasks and oversee university payment streams



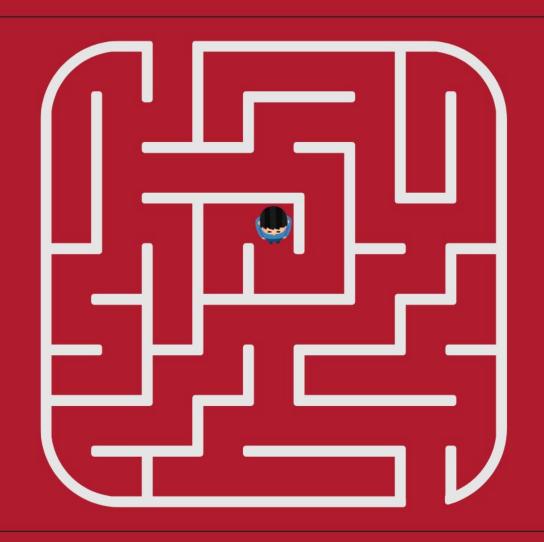
Team consists of 5 staff, 3 Income Officers, 1 Senior Income Officer & PAC Manager



Allocate all commercial income and reconcile various related bank statements.



Our involvement with Payment Security is to ensure activates involving card payments is compliant



# "Managing Payment Security can be challenging"

Retaining compliance is reliant on everyone playing their part



#### **Decentralised Departments**

Departments were seemly operating independently not necessarily following best practice. Some departments procured PDQ machines without consulting the right finance channels



#### **Time Pressures**

Being compliant was seen as "additional work" for staff and felt this was time consuming which resulted in lack of engagement



#### **Unclear Roles**

Managers in departments didn't know what their roles and responsibilities were in relation to payment security



## **Compliance Complexity**

Compliance was difficult to understand within Finance and the wider University stakeholders and identified better education was required

## It was time to level up!



#### We partnered with Flywire

Implementing the Payment Security Management System (PSMS)



## **Accountability and Support**

Consisted of fortnightly catch ups with **Mike Vale** and **Philippa Watson** 

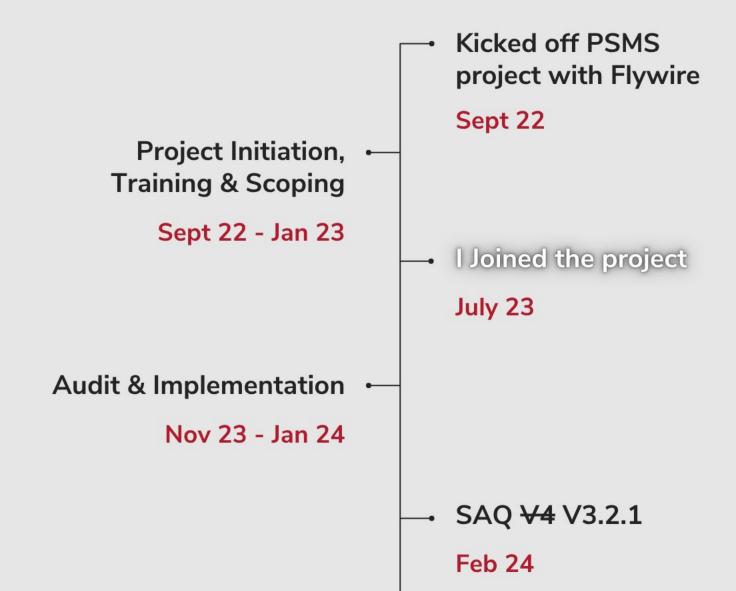




#### Imrpoved understanding of PCI DSS

On hand to help with any queries and solutions related to compliance

## How the PSMS implementation started



SAQ V4 Mandatory Standard

Mar 24

**Internal Audit** 

Aug 24

Incorporated new processes into the PAC team BAU

Nov 24 - Jan 24

SAQ V4

Feb 25

Catering Integrated tills by Itslolly

Aug 24

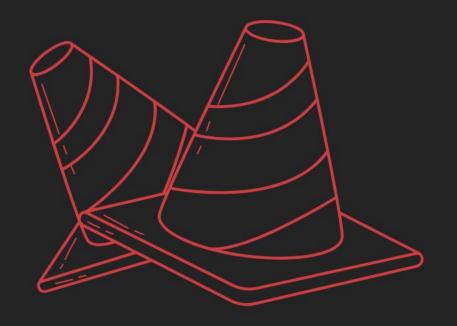
 Audit & BAU Implementation of recommendations

Sept 24

Scoping & PSMS Audit

Nov 24 - Jan 25

How the PSMS implementation is going....



# Let's talk about some Common Barriers

for universities and other organisations

## What is your university's 🕠 #1 compliance blocker





Scan the QR code

log in to slido.com use the code #Flywire2025, then track 2

## **Unclear Ownership**

Departments operate independently
Inconsistent procedures for handling payments
Lack of central oversight or standards

## Lack of Training and Awareness

Staff are unsure of what is required

Minimal onboarding or refresher training

Reliance on outdated documents or hearsay

## Tech Fatigue or Tool Resistance

New systems not adopted if perceived as "more work"

Staff ignore tools they don't trust or understand

If it's not intuitive, it won't be used

## Payment Security Not Seen as a Priority

Departments prioritise revenue or academic goals Compliance viewed as "IT or Finance's job" Security concerns seen as hypothetical or overly technical

## **Email Overload and Information Loss**

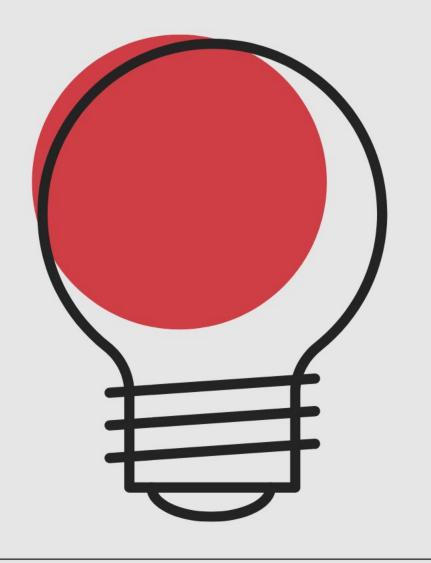
Important updates lost in inbox noise

No structured version control

Key decisions buried in threads

## Manual or Duplicated Processes

Paper-based or ad-hoc systems
Same data entered multiple times across systems
Human error introduces risk



# What worked for us at





"Start with the tools we already use - see if it saves time"

- Payment Security Site for Users
- Payment Security Teams site for Users and Staff
- Payment Security Hub for the PAC team











## **SharePoint**





#### Staff SharePoint Site

- · Central source of the Truth!
- Information on PCI DSS, roles and responsibilities
- Training resources
- Device management, PIM information and devices instructions
- · Incident reporting
- Policy and Procedure links
- · Other resources like posters, ped tamper check

#### **Payment Security Hub**

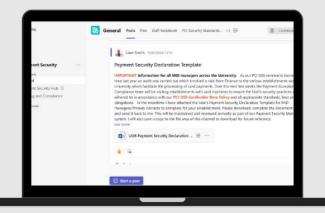
- Private working Group for the PAC/Infosec Teams
- Document Management and access of the PSE
- · Annual audit tasks calendar
- Storage for required audit evidence, AOC's, 3<sup>rd</sup> party agreements
- · Site visit events schedule





## **Teams**





## **Payment Security Teams Channel**

- Stakeholder Collaboration
- Linked to the PS SharePoint site
- Users can communicate and ask questions through this channel
- PAC team can provides important updates to group members
- Private communication channel to communicate inhouse teams

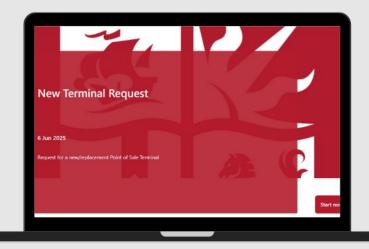












## **Payment Security Forms**

- Easy submission of requests
- Can be accessed from the SharePoint site
- Users can complete forms to request new MIDS, TIDS etc
- Automatically sends to our mailbox for action
- No missing information required for processing

## **Forms**









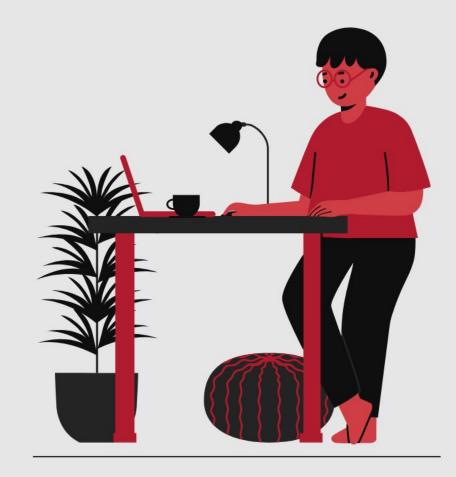




### **PSE** and other databases

- Cleaner and easier to manager than Excel sheets
- Provides an audit history
- Easy to maintain
- Can integrate with SharePoint, Teams and other applications!
- Can be share and accessed from a variety of devices

## Lists





















### **Interface Apps for PAC and Users**

- Unlimited choice in interface for updating information
- Information links directly to existing lists and updates them!
- Accessible on any device, anywhere
- Great to use for infield work i.e Site visit audits
- PSE data has been converted into these apps all linking together

## **PowerApps**



## It made a real difference.....





One source of "Truth" for users



Easy access to resources and information for staff



Less time spent on drawn out tasks and procedures



Fewer emails & questions and efficient processes



Audit confidence



Improved understanding of PCI DSS and compliance

## What's next

It's all about continuous improvement......

2025

Formalise governance and ownership

2026

**Automated reminders** 

2026

Power BI dashboard



## Get in touch



Post session coffee



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