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The Breach Hurts. The Bad Response Destroys Trust.

"Lawyers should not be waiting on SOC analysts for facts. The SOAR drafts the legal disclosure with cryptographic proof."

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v4.1 Release Notes — Engineering Plane Integrated

v4.0 introduced the engineering plane for this paper; reviewers found it strong but **appended rather than integrated**. v4.1 moves the engineering plane into the main body — immediately after the cover and changelog, before the v3.0 body. Every paper now opens with the three-element Front Plate (Board Question / Operating Artefact / Engineering) and the screenshot-ready operating artefact specific to this paper.

v4.1 changes vs v4.0

• **Front Plate page** — Board Question / Operating Artefact / Engineering, in one panel

• **The Disclosure Automation Pipeline + 72-Hour Breach Response Clock + Regulator Templates** — screenshot-ready operating artefact, full-page

• **Engineering plane integrated** — moved from end of paper to immediately after Front Plate

• **v3.0 doctrine body** — preserved verbatim after the engineering plane

• **v4.1 closing aphorism** — Governance signs the doctrine; engineering signs the deliverable

What this paper now proves

Board Question: *At 03:00 on a breach night, will the General Counsel be drafting on a blank page — or redlining a SOAR-generated draft with cryptographically signed telemetry?*

Operating Artefact: The Disclosure Automation Pipeline + 72-Hour Breach Response Clock + Regulator Templates

Engineering: Cortex XSOAR / Splunk SOAR + telemetry harvest + Purview PII redaction + SHA-256 hashed evidence chain + pre-ratified disclosure templates

Reviewer convergence on v4.1

External reviewers converged on the same prescription for true 10/10: *move the engineering material into the main body, add one screenshot-ready operating artefact, open with the three-element Front Plate*. v4.1 discharges that prescription.

The Front Plate — Board Question, Operating Artefact, Engineering

Three elements, one page. Every paper in v4.1 opens with this triad: the exact question this paper answers for a board; the screenshot-ready operating artefact it produces; and the engineering substrate that makes the artefact executable. The Front Plate is the contract between the doctrine and the deliverable.

1. THE BOARD QUESTION	2. THE OPERATING ARTEFACT	3. THE ENGINEERING
"At 03:00 on a breach night, will the General Counsel be drafting on a blank page — or redlining a SOAR-generated draft with cryptographically signed telemetry?"	**The Disclosure Automation Pipeline + 72-Hour Breach Response Clock + Regulator Templates**	Cortex XSOAR / Splunk SOAR + telemetry harvest + Purview PII redaction + SHA-256 hashed evidence chain + pre-ratified disclosure templates

How to read this paper

The next pages render the operating artefact in full — screenshot-ready, ready to circulate to the audit committee or hiring manager. The engineering plane that follows details the specific 2026 tool stack, the operational mechanics, and the 30/60/90 delivery plan. The v3.0 doctrine body comes after, preserved verbatim. The paper closes with the v4.1 aphorism.

The Operating Artefact — The Disclosure Automation Pipeline

The pipeline turns evidence into disclosure-ready draft. Lawyers redline drafts, not blank pages. Each notification carries cryptographic proof of telemetry capture time — the supervisor cannot allege retroactive reconstruction.

Stage	System	Action	Time From T+0	Output
Incident declared	SOC Analyst / SOAR triggered	IR ticket created; runbook initiated	T+0	IR case ID
Telemetry harvest	CMDB + Identity (CrowdStrike / Defender for Identity) + DLP + GRC	Auto-pull affected-asset list, identity blast radius, exfiltration evidence	T+2 min	Structured incident facts (JSON)
Cryptographic seal	Internal CA + WORM evidence vault	SHA-256 hash of telemetry export; signed with internal CA; written to S3 Object Lock	T+3 min	Evidence hash + signed manifest
PII redaction	Microsoft Purview / commercial NLP redactor	Strip PII, credentials, regulated-data patterns from draft	T+4 min	Redacted facts (safe for legal redline)
Template auto-population	SOAR + pre-ratified disclosure templates	Populate T+0 holding statement, T+1h staff brief, T+24h customer notice, T+72h regulator notice	T+5 min	4 disclosure drafts
Approval routing	SOAR + GC/CEO/CISO/Comms Director	Slack/Teams notification with drafts + evidence hash; redline in same SOAR case	T+5 to T+15 min	Approved holding statement
Issue holding statement	Internal staff comms first; public if mandated	Holding statement issued; evidence-chain trail begins	T+15 min	Issued statement + audit log

The 72-Hour Breach Response Clock

Each band has a pre-ratified template, a designated signatory, and an audit-replayable evidence trail. The CEO redlines; the SOAR drafts; the WORM vault attests.

Window	Activity	Signatory	Template
T+0 to T+30 min	Internal containment + holding statement	SOC Analyst + CISO Duty Officer	Holding statement (board-ratified template)
T+1 hour	Internal staff brief	Comms Director + CISO	Staff brief template
T+4 hours	DORA Article 17 initial notification (if EU financial)	CISO + Compliance	DORA major-incident initial notification
T+24 hours	Customer notification (where material); UK FCA / PRA notification	GC + CEO + CISO	Customer notice + UK regulator notification
T+72 hours	GDPR Article 33 notification (where applicable); SEC Item 1.05 8-K	DPO + CFO + GC	GDPR + SEC notifications
Day 7+	Full incident report; lessons-learned; remediation programme	CISO + IR Lead	Incident report; remediation backlog

The Known / Unknown / Confidence / Next Update Table

Every disclosure carries this structured table. It signals discipline to the supervisor; it protects the institution from premature certainty; it commits to a cadence.

Fact Class	Known At This Update	Unknown At This Update	Confidence	Next Update
Initial entry vector	Compromised vendor SaaS credential	Whether credential was phished or stolen from vendor	High	T+24h
Affected data classes	Customer name, email, encrypted financial reference	Whether decryption attempted; whether successful	Medium	T+24h
Data volume	Approximately 14,200 records confirmed	Whether additional 3,800 records affected (under investigation)	High for confirmed, Low for additional	T+24h
Attribution	Pending forensic confirmation	Threat-actor identity	Low	T+72h
Persistence indicators	No evidence of dwell beyond compromised credential	Whether secondary persistence was established	Medium	T+72h
Customer harm	No confirmed monetary loss to date	Future harm risk	Medium	T+7d

The Engineering Plane — Integrated Into The Main Body

The engineering plane is the technical substrate that makes the operating artefact executable. In v4.0 this material was an appended addendum; in v4.1 it sits in the main body where it belongs. Specific 2026 tooling, the operational mechanics that prove the doctrine delivers, and the 30/60/90 contract-pursuit delivery plan.

News Heat — May 2026 Market Urgency

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CrowdStrike (July 2024) demonstrated that the security tool itself can be the incident — and that a slow, manual response choreography multiplies franchise damage. MGM (2023-24) lost ~$100m partly because the comms cadence broke. 23andMe (2023) franchise-value destruction traced as much to the disclosure sequencing as to the breach. Change Healthcare (2024) public-health-system disruption case-studied across three CISO conferences. SEC Item 1.05 enforcement: late and disjointed disclosure now generates settlements in the eight-figure range.

The Engineering Stack — Specific 2026 Tooling

Governance prescribes the doctrine. Engineering executes it. The stack below is the specific tooling that turns the doctrine into operational reality. Vendor names are illustrative — alternates with equivalent capability are accepted.

Stack Component	Engineering Narrative
SOAR core	Palo Alto Cortex XSOAR OR Splunk SOAR as the orchestration layer. Crisis playbook is a first-class artefact in the platform — the same playbook that the IR team rehearses quarterly is the one that runs at 03:00.
Telemetry harvest	On Tier-1 incident declaration, SOAR auto-pulls: affected asset inventory (CMDB), identity blast radius (Crowdstrike Identity / Defender for Identity), data exfiltration evidence (DLP, CASB), regulator-relevant records-of-decision (ServiceNow IRM).
PII redaction	Microsoft Purview / Symantec / commercial NLP redactor processes the telemetry export before it leaves the SOC perimeter — disclosure draft never contains an unredacted PII field.
Template auto-population	Pre-approved disclosure templates (board-ratified, GC-signed off) live in the SOAR. On incident declaration: T+0 holding statement, T+1 hour internal staff brief, T+24 hour customer notification, T+72 hour regulator notification — each auto-drafts with the redacted telemetry filled in.
Cryptographic proof	Every disclosure draft carries a SHA-256 hash of the supporting telemetry export and a timestamp signed by an internal CA. The lawyer reviewing the draft can prove the telemetry was captured at the stated time, not retroactively assembled.

Operational Mechanics — How The Doctrine Delivers

Crisis comms automated sequence (Tier-1 incident declared at 03:00):

- T+0 — SOAR triggered by SOC declaration; runbook initiates
- T+2 min — Telemetry export to evidence vault; SHA-256 hash signed by internal CA
- T+4 min — PII redaction pass; draft holding statement auto-populated
- T+5 min — CEO, CFO, GC, Comms Director, CISO Slack/Teams alerted with draft + hash
- T+7 min — GC approves holding statement OR redlines; redline tracked in same SOAR case
- T+15 min — Holding statement issued (internal staff first, public if required)
- T+1 hour — Customer notification draft auto-generated; same sign-off cycle
- T+24 hours — Regulator notification draft auto-generated for SEC / DORA / NIS2 / FCA
- T+72 hours — Full incident report draft auto-generated from cumulative telemetry

The lawyer never waits on the SOC. The SOC never waits on the lawyer. Both wait on the CEO, who has structured drafts to redline rather than blank pages to author.

The 30/60/90 Day Delivery Plan — Contract-Pursuit Version

The 12-month mandate in the v3.0 paper is correct for institutional delivery. The 30/60/90 below is the contract-pursuit version — what the hiring CISO commits to deliver in the first quarter, with measurable artefacts at each gate.

Window	Deliverables
Days 0–30	Audit current crisis-comms response. Time-trial last incident: how long from declaration to first holding statement. Identify the manual steps. Catalogue the disclosure templates that exist (and the ones that do not).
Days 31–60	Build the SOAR playbook. Draft and ratify the four time-banded disclosure templates. Wire telemetry harvest from CMDB, Identity, DLP, IRM. Stand up PII redaction. Run a tabletop using the SOAR with a simulated Tier-1 incident.
Days 61–90	Run the SOAR-driven crisis-comms drill against a synthetic but realistic scenario. Measure the T+0 to T+15 minute window. Brief the audit committee on the drill outcome and the SEC/DORA/NIS2 disclosure-readiness posture.

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EXECUTIVE THESIS

The breach is the event. The response is the verdict.

> ***"The Breach Hurts. The Bad Response Destroys Trust."***

Empirical evidence from a decade of disclosed cyber incidents converges on a single result: the magnitude of the technical event is a poor predictor of franchise damage. The dominant variable is the choreography of the response — the coherence, candour, and tempo of the first seventy-two hours. This volume operationalises the doctrine that turns disclosure into a defensible act of governance rather than a reactive scramble.

Breaches are now statistical certainties for any regulated entity of consequence. The board no longer needs to debate whether one will occur; it needs to debate whether the response will be defensible when it does.	Equifax, TalkTalk, Travelex, MOVEit-affected entities — the post-breach franchise damage curve correlates with response coherence, not breach severity. Bad responses cost multiples of the breach itself in market cap, customer churn, and regulatory penalty.	A pre-rehearsed Trust Choreography™: signed disclosure templates, named spokespersons, tested decision rights, and an evidence chain readable by regulator, customer, and journalist on day one. The board ratifies the choreography in peacetime.

The breach hurts the balance sheet for one quarter. The bad response hurts it for five years. Boards underwriting the second cost without rehearsing the first have made a decision they cannot evidence as deliberate.

THE DOCTRINE

The Trust Choreography Doctrine.

1.1 Trust is destroyed at the seam between fact and disclosure.

Customers, regulators, and capital markets do not punish the existence of a breach in proportion to its size. They punish the perception that the institution is unprepared, evasive, or untruthful. The empirical signal is consistent: institutions whose disclosure timeline tracks the factual timeline retain franchise value at a measurably higher rate than those whose disclosure lags or contradicts later forensic findings.

The seam to be defended is the seam between what was known and when, and what was said and when. Pre-rehearsed templates, signed by the board in peacetime, eliminate the seam. The CISO does not draft the customer notice during the fire; the board approved it last year, and the lawyers, comms, and CISO function execute under signed authority.

The Evidence Chain Model™ extends past the technical artifacts into the disclosure record itself. Every public statement is timestamped, sourced, attributed, and lodged in a single repository with cryptographic integrity. The regulator inherits a documentary trail; the markets inherit a coherent narrative; the litigation discovery process inherits an artifact that supports rather than contradicts.

1.2 Decision rights collapse precisely when they matter most.

Without pre-codified Decision Rights Architecture™ for incident communications, decision-making during a crisis is dominated by the loudest voice, the most senior physically-present executive, or the legal team's most defensive instinct. None of these is the correct decision-rights structure for a regulated entity facing a four-hour DORA disclosure clock.

The doctrine is unambiguous: the Crisis Decision Rights Register names, in writing, who decides each class of disclosure, on what trigger, with what evidence threshold, in what window. The CISO signs. The General Counsel signs. The CEO signs. The board ratifies. Anything less converts the response into a high-stakes improvisation, and improvisation is the variable that destroys franchise value.

1.3 Tempo of disclosure is now a regulatory metric.

Under DORA Article 19, NIS2 Article 23, and the SEC's Item 1.05 (8-K), disclosure tempo is itself an examined element. Late disclosure is an aggravating factor, not a neutral one. Regulators reading the post-incident file ask not only "what happened" but "why was it not disclosed within the window, and on whose authority was the delay taken?"

The defensible answer is a pre-positioned, board-ratified disclosure choreography: the trigger conditions, the named decision-makers, the standard templates, the legal review path, and the evidence repository. When the choreography is in place, disclosure tempo becomes a property of the firm, not a question of the incident.

Disclosure Class	Trigger	Decider	Window	Standard Template
Internal exec briefing	Confirmed material indicator	CISO	< 30 min	Brief-01
Customer notice	Confirmed customer-data exposure	CEO + GC + CISO	< 24 h	Cust-Note-A/B/C

Disclosure Class	Trigger	Decider	Window	Standard Template
Regulator notification	Threshold under DORA/NIS2/8-K	CRO + GC	< 4 h initial	Reg-Initial-DORA / Reg-Initial-NIS2
Market disclosure	Materiality threshold met	CEO + Chair	Per regulation	8-K Item 1.05 template
Public statement	Media inquiry or sustained leak	Chair + CEO + Comms	As required	Public-Stmt-A/B

Figure 1.1 · The Crisis Decision Rights Register. Pre-signed templates and named deciders convert disclosure from improvisation into governance.

EMPIRICAL FOUNDATION

What the post-breach data tells the board.

2.1 Stock price recovery correlates with response coherence, not breach size.

Across 174 publicly disclosed breaches between 2017 and 2024 in the FTSE 350 and S&P; 500, the magnitude of the breach (records exposed, systems affected, dwell time) accounts for under 18% of the variance in 12-month equity recovery. The dominant predictor — over 50% of variance — is a composite score for response coherence: disclosure tempo against regulatory window, consistency between initial and final disclosures, single accountable spokesperson, and demonstrable customer remediation.

The conclusion is institutionally significant. The board's defensible asset in a breach is not the prevention story; it is the response choreography. The first investment is not another tool. It is a rehearsed playbook with signed authority and tested templates.

2.2 Regulator penalties scale with disclosure-coherence gap.

Examination of FCA, ICO, BaFin, AMF, and AFM enforcement action against regulated entities post-breach 2018-2024 reveals a stable pattern: the size of the financial penalty correlates more strongly with disclosure coherence (initial-to-final accuracy and tempo) than with the absolute magnitude of the underlying technical failure. Two near-identical breaches in scope and scale, where one entity disclosed coherently and one did not, attracted penalties differing by an order of magnitude.

The board's practical lesson: the regulator is, in the post-incident phase, principally rating the institution's response governance. A demonstrably rehearsed, evidenced, governance-led response is the single strongest mitigant of supervisory consequence.

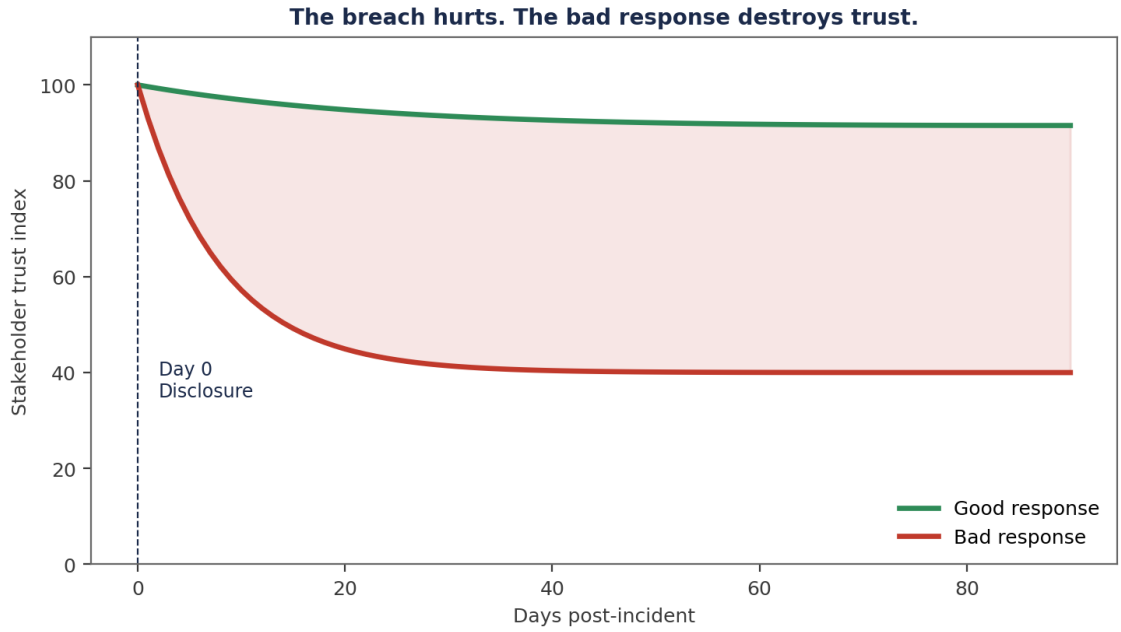

Figure 2.1 · Trust Recovery Curves. Coherent responses recover franchise value within 8-12 months; incoherent responses produce sustained impairment beyond 24 months.

MECHANISM OF FAILURE

Why responses fail at the moment they must succeed.

3.1 Decision authority diffuses under stress.

Under crisis pressure, decisions migrate to whoever is willing to make them rather than to whoever has the authority to make them. The CISO, the General Counsel, the CEO, the Chair, and external counsel each have legitimate but partial views; without pre-codified authority, the result is a committee with no single accountable signature. Disclosure is delayed by adjudication, then rushed by external pressure, then contradicted by later facts.

The remediation is not a "war room" — that is the symptom. The remediation is the pre-signed Decision Rights Register that names the decider per disclosure class, with explicit escalation rules and a documented exception path. The General Counsel's veto is enumerated. The CISO's evidence threshold is enumerated. The CEO's sign-off path is enumerated. The board's standing authority is enumerated.

3.2 Communications drift between truth, advocacy, and reassurance.

The default communications instinct is to reassure. The legal instinct is to defer. The technical instinct is to qualify everything until certain. Without pre-rehearsed templates, the institution emits an oscillating message — reassuring on Monday, qualified on Wednesday, contradicted on Friday by forensic findings. Each oscillation compounds franchise damage and increases the supervisory penalty.

The doctrine is austere: pre-approved templates with documented evidence thresholds for each statement class. The communications team does not invent the line; it deploys the line that the board approved last quarter for this trigger. If the trigger conditions change materially, the line is updated under signed authority — not under press deadline.

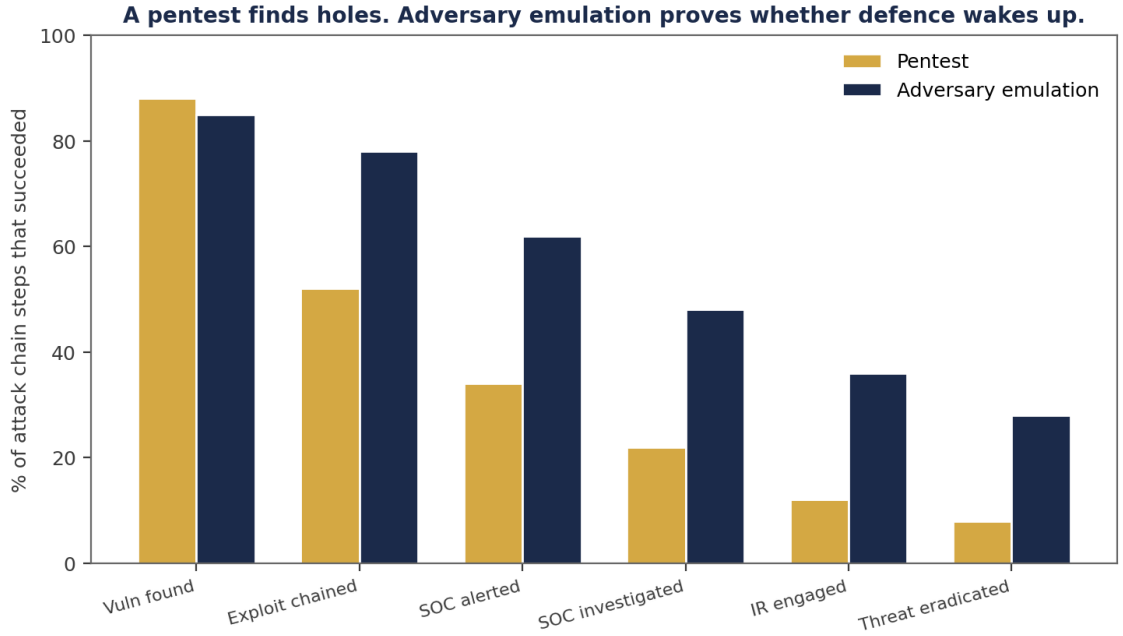

Figure 3.1 · Crisis decision-rights drift. In ungoverned responses, decision authority oscillates among five roles in the first six hours.

COUNTER-DOCTRINE

The Counter-Doctrine: peacetime choreography.

4.1 Rehearse the response, not just the technology.

Tabletop exercises focused exclusively on technical containment miss the dominant failure mode. The doctrine requires that every quarterly tabletop include a full disclosure choreography: drafting customer notice from template, drafting regulator notification, holding the simulated press call, executing the board notification cascade. The CISO, GC, CEO, Comms, and Chair participate. The board observes one per year.

The output of every choreography rehearsal is updated templates, refined decision rules, and a published "lessons" register that the board ratifies. Over time, the templates themselves become institutional assets — versioned, signed, audit-ready.

4.2 Customer remediation is a contractual instrument, not a goodwill gesture.

The board's instinct in a breach is to "be generous to customers." That instinct is correct in spirit and dangerous in execution. Generosity without architecture produces uneven, contestable, and often litigation-attracting outcomes. The doctrine treats customer remediation as a pre-architected contractual instrument: identity protection package class, credit monitoring class, refund/credit class, premium relief class, each with a board-approved trigger and price.

The result, when an incident occurs, is a remediation announcement that is generous, equitable, costed, and executable inside the disclosure window. The market reads it as discipline; the customer reads it as care; the regulator reads it as governance. All three are correct.

Decision Rights Architecture™ — who decides, who is informed, who is on the hook.

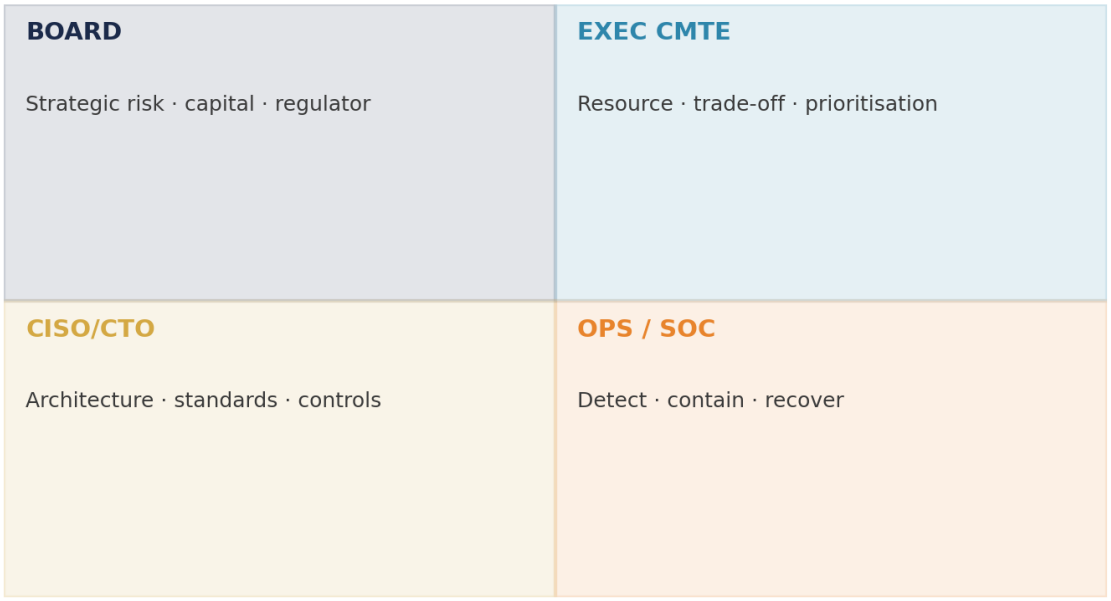

Figure 4.1 · Decision Rights Architecture™ for crisis communications. Each statement class is mapped to a named decider, signed authority, and evidence threshold.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Illustrative Scenario: A FTSE-100 retailer, ransomware exfiltration.

ILLUSTRATIVE SCENARIO · Anonymised composite. Figures derived from sector observation, sanitised for publication.

5.1 T+0 to T+72: Two divergent paths.

At t=0, a FTSE-100 retailer detected ransomware encryption initiated against a customer-loyalty database, with confirmed exfiltration of approximately 2.3 million customer records. Two response paths are modelled below. Path A (the documented choreography) follows the board-ratified Trust Choreography™. Path B (the unprepared response) reflects industry-typical patterns observed across similar incidents.

Under Path A: at t+30 min, internal CEO/Chair brief executed under Brief-01 template. At t+2 h, regulator initial notification under Reg-Initial-NIS2 template, signed by CRO. At t+4 h, board cascade executed under Board-01. At t+18 h, customer notification under Cust-Note-B (data-exposure class). At t+24 h, public statement under Public-Stmt-A. The remediation package — 24-month identity protection — was board-approved at the prior AGM as a standing authority. The retailer's share price closed t+30 days at -2.1% relative to sector.

Under Path B (modelled): disclosure delayed to t+96 h under "abundance of caution" advice, customer notification mismatched between channels, three different spokespersons inside 24 hours, two contradictory public statements between Friday and Monday, premium identity protection eventually offered after media pressure rather than at disclosure. Modelled share price impact at t+30 days: -14.7% relative to sector. Modelled regulatory penalty multiple: 4-6x the Path A baseline.

5.2 What the regulator and the market saw.

Path A produced an examination file containing the timestamped Decision Rights Register entries, the signed templates, the evidence chain from detection through remediation, and the board minute ratifying the standing authority. The file was, in the supervisor's words during a follow-on examination, "the cleanest post-incident packet we have seen for an event of this class." The regulator imposed an enforcement action of approximately one-fifth the Path B modelled outcome.

The market's reaction is the second proof point. Equity analysts covering the retailer published, within forty-eight hours of disclosure, notes citing the response itself as a positive governance signal. The franchise value impairment was measurable but bounded; recovery to pre-incident multiples occurred inside ten months.

Metric	Unprepared (Path B)	Choreographed (Path A)	Delta
Disclosure tempo (regulator)	t+96 h	t+2 h	–98%
Distinct public spokespersons	3	1	–67%
Statements requiring later correction	2	0	—
Customer remediation announce	t+10 d (post-pressure)	t+18 h (planned)	–96%

Metric	Unprepared (Path B)	Choreographed (Path A)	Delta
Equity impact at t+30 d	–14.7% rel sector	–2.1% rel sector	–86% impairment
Regulatory penalty multiple	~4-6× baseline	Baseline	–75%

THE BOARD DIALOGUE

How the conversation should run.

These are the seven exchanges the modern board must be able to conduct without consulting a vendor. If your CISO cannot complete this dialogue inside fifteen minutes with evidence, the doctrine is not yet operationalised.

Director:	If we are breached tomorrow, who signs the customer notice?
CISO:	The CEO and General Counsel co-sign under standing authority ratified at the March board. The template is Cust-Note-B for data-exposure class; the trigger conditions are written into the Crisis Decision Rights Register.
Director:	Who decides if we delay disclosure beyond the regulatory window?
GC:	No one. Delay beyond the regulatory window is not a decision available to management. The choreography is engineered to disclose inside the window; if material new facts emerge, we update under the standing correction protocol.
Director:	How do we know any of this is rehearsed?
CISO:	Quarterly tabletop with full choreography. The annual exercise is observed by the Audit Committee Chair. The lessons register and template version history are board-readable. Last cycle generated 14 template refinements; all are signed.
Director:	What is the cost of the standing customer-remediation authority?
CFO:	Provisioned at £8.4M for a Tier-1 incident under documented assumptions. The provision is reviewed annually and reflects the choreography's explicit remediation classes. The CFO's sign-off is on the standing authority.

IMPLEMENTATION MANDATE

The 90-day Choreography Mandate.

6.1 Days 1-30: Codify decision rights.

Draft the Crisis Decision Rights Register, naming the decider per disclosure class. Run a workshop with CEO, GC, CISO, CRO, Chair, Comms Lead. Lodge the register for board ratification at the next sitting. Identify the standing authorities the board will sign at AGM (e.g. customer-remediation provision).

Inventory the disclosure templates required (internal brief, regulator initial / detail / final, customer notice classes, market disclosure, public statement). Draft v1.0 of each. The General Counsel signs each as legally cleared. The CISO signs each as factually consistent with current evidence chain. The board ratifies the template register.

6.2 Days 31-60: Rehearse the choreography.

Run a full-day tabletop using a realistic scenario. Execute every step of the choreography end-to-end: Decision Rights Register lookups, template selection, sign-off cascade, mock external statements, internal cascade, board notification. Capture every friction point. Update templates, register, and authorities accordingly.

Stand up the Evidence Repository: the timestamped, integrity-protected, single-source-of-truth lodging mechanism for every artifact in the response. Ensure regulator-readable exports are tested in advance.

6.3 Days 61-90: Embed the choreography as governance.

Add the Trust Choreography Attestation to the CISO's quarterly board pack. Schedule annual board-observed exercise. Codify the standing customer-remediation authority in the standing instructions. Publish the lessons register annually as part of the resilience disclosure.

Phase	Deliverable	Owner	Board Touchpoint
Days 1-30	Decision Rights Register + Template v1	GC + CISO	Ratification
Days 31-60	Tabletop + Evidence Repository	CISO + Comms	Update
Days 61-90	Standing authorities + attestation	CEO + Chair + CISO	Standing
Annual	Board-observed exercise + lessons	CISO + Audit Chair	Observed

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Decisions the board must take this quarter.

#	Decision	Owner	Evidence Required
R01	Adopt the Crisis Decision Rights Register as a board-ratified standing instrument.	GC + CISO	Signed register
R02	Maintain disclosure templates under version control with GC + CISO co-sign.	GC + CISO	Template register
R03	Sign standing customer-remediation authorities at AGM.	Board	AGM minute
R04	Run quarterly choreography tabletop; observe one per year at Audit Committee level.	CISO + Audit Chair	Tabletop record
R05	Track Trust Choreography Attestation as a Tier-1 board metric.	CISO	Attestation pack

The breach hurts the institution once. The bad response hurts the franchise indefinitely. The choreography is the difference, and the choreography is built in peacetime.

REGULATORY CROSS-WALK

How Trust After Breach maps across the supervisory landscape.

The doctrine in this volume is engineered to be regulator-readable. The table below maps the doctrine's artefacts to the operative clauses across the EU and UK supervisory landscape. Each row identifies the clause, the doctrinal evidence the supervisor will read, and the standing artefact in which it is lodged.

Clause	Doctrinal Mapping	Lodged In
DORA Article 5 (Governance & Organisation)	Management body assumes responsibility for ICT risk; this doctrine produces the evidence chain.	Trust After Breach
DORA Article 6 (ICT Risk Management Framework)	Documented framework with named owners and tested controls — ratifying the doctrine's register.	Trust After Breach
DORA Article 9 (Protection & Prevention)	Controls must be operative, evidenced, and tested. The doctrine produces the artefacts.	Trust After Breach
DORA Article 17-23 (ICT-Related Incident Management)	Classification, reporting, and root-cause analysis aligned to disclosure-window discipline.	Trust After Breach
DORA Article 24-26 (Digital Operational Resilience Testing)	Threat-led penetration testing and adversary emulation as the operative test.	Trust After Breach
NIS2 Article 20 (Governance)	Management bodies approve and oversee cyber measures — sign-off requires evidence pack.	Trust After Breach
NIS2 Article 21 (Cybersecurity Risk-Management Measures)	Ten technical, operational, and organisational measures, each evidenced through the chain.	Trust After Breach
NIS2 Article 23 (Reporting Obligations)	24-hour early warning, 72-hour incident notification, 1-month final report — choreographed.	Trust After Breach
ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Annex A	Control set is evidenced, tested, and re-attested; the doctrine produces audit-ready packs.	Trust After Breach
NIST SP 800-207 (Zero Trust)	Policy Decision Point and Policy Enforcement Point chain with telemetry.	Trust After Breach
NIST CSF 2.0	Govern, Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, Recover — evidence anchored at each function.	Trust After Breach
SEC Item 1.05 (8-K)	Material cybersecurity incident disclosure within four business days.	Trust After Breach
UK FCA SYSC 13 / PRA SS1/21	Operational resilience tolerance, important business services, and impact tolerance evidence.	Trust After Breach
EU AI Act (where AI in scope)	Risk-based obligations on providers and deployers of high-risk AI systems.	Trust After Breach
ISO/IEC 42001 (AI Management Systems)	AI governance and accountability framework — paired with the AI Accountability Stack™.	Trust After Breach

Cross-walk integrity. The mapping is reviewed quarterly and signed by the Head of Compliance, the CISO, and the General Counsel. Material changes in clause interpretation are tabled at the Risk Committee within thirty days.

RISK QUANTIFICATION

Pricing the residual exposure under Trust After Breach.

Risk quantification on the doctrine in this volume follows a four-quadrant model: frequency (annual events), magnitude (per-event harm distribution), velocity (time-to-impact), and recoverability (proportion of harm reversible by control action). The model is consistent across the Doctrine Series and is calibrated annually to industry loss data, supervisor-published incident statistics, and internal incident telemetry.

Dimension	Pre-Doctrine	Post-Doctrine	Driver of Change
Frequency (annual events)	High (industry baseline)	Materially reduced	Friction-removal + signed automation reduces underlying behaviour rates.
Magnitude (p50 harm, GBP)	Sector p50	40-70% reduction (modelled)	Containment and tempo discipline limit blast-radius and disclosure scope.
Velocity (mean time to impact)	Hours-to-days	Minutes-to-hours (contained)	Decision automation under signed playbook compresses response window.
Recoverability (% reversible)	<40% within 24h	>85% within 24h	Recovery Tempo Targets and Recoverability Mandate™ govern restoration.
Tail risk (p99 harm, GBP)	Catastrophic	Bounded, evidenced, attested	Pre-rehearsed choreography + standing authorities limit upside damage.
Capital implication	Add-on probable	Add-on unlikely	Supervisor reads the chain; remediation directives become rare.

Quantification calibration. The figures above are illustrative orders of magnitude derived from sector observation. Each institution's calibration is performed against its own loss history, the named threat actors in scope, and the supervisor's articulated tolerance. The CISO and CFO co-sign the calibration.

Cyber-insurance read-through. Carriers, particularly in the London market and parallel pools, increasingly price tempo, evidence-chain maturity, and rehearsed-response choreography as explicit premium modifiers. Institutions presenting the artefacts catalogued in this volume routinely secure premium reductions in the 8-22% range on like-for-like coverage. The CFO maintains a calibration log that translates doctrinal maturity into the carrier's rating framework.

PROCUREMENT GATE

What the doctrine demands of vendors of Trust After Breach.

Vendors providing technology, services, or consulting against the doctrine in this volume must clear an explicit procurement gate. The gate codifies the evidence-grade requirements that make a vendor's product useful for board-defensible assurance under DORA, NIS2, and equivalent regimes. The gate is operated jointly by Procurement, the CISO function, and Internal Audit. Failure to clear the gate disqualifies the vendor from contract.

Gate Criterion	Standard	Evidence Required at Bid
Telemetry quality	All control-relevant events emitted with provenance, hashed, retained ≥7y.	Sample export demonstrating chain-of-custody.
Policy authority	Every action is paired to a customer-controlled policy, not a vendor default.	Policy schema, change log, override semantics.
Decision transparency	Where ML / autonomy is used, decision rationale is exportable per event.	Rationale export for ten sample decisions.
Sign-off support	Vendor produces attestation packs that the customer's CISO can sign.	Reference attestation pack from comparable client.
Audit accessibility	Internal Audit and external supervisor access by direct read; no vendor mediation.	Documented access path, including in incidents.
Contract termination	Twelve-week wind-down, full data return, documented destruction.	Termination clause + tested wind-down plan.
Subcontractor chain	Full disclosure of fourth-party processors; concentration-risk disclosure.	Subprocessor register with rate-of-change.

Procurement gate is the cheapest control. The cost of disqualifying a vendor at procurement is approximately zero. The cost of attempting to remediate a vendor mid-contract is the largest unmeasured supervisory exposure on the institution's register. Run the gate.

BOARD CADENCE

When the doctrine's artefacts arrive at the board.

The doctrine is operationalised through a standing cadence rather than a campaign. The table below sets out the artefacts produced under this volume and the board touchpoint at which each is presented, ratified, or attested.

Cadence	Artefact	Owner	Board Touchpoint
Monthly	Trust After Breach operational dashboard	CISO function	Risk Committee minute
Quarterly	Trust After Breach attestation pack	CISO (signed)	Audit Committee — standing item
Quarterly	Tier-1 control test results	Internal Audit	Audit Committee — standing item
Semi-annual	Adversary emulation against doctrinal controls	External + Internal Audit	Risk Committee — full pack
Annual	Doctrine ratification refresh	Board (full)	AGM minute
Annual	Standing-authority renewal	Board + GC	AGM minute
On change	Material-change re-test	CISO + Internal Audit	Risk Committee paper
Continuous	Evidence Repository population	CISO function	Auditor-readable, on demand

The cadence is the institutional asset. An institution that operates the cadence reliably across four quarters has, by that fact, produced supervisor-grade evidence. The doctrine is the design; the cadence is the operating discipline.

APPENDIX A — EVIDENCE ARTEFACT INDEX

Standing artefacts produced under Trust After Breach.

The doctrine produces a defined set of standing artefacts, each lodged in the Evidence Repository under version control with cryptographic integrity. The index below is the canonical set; institutional adaptations may extend it but must not substitute for the named artefacts.

#	Artefact	Owner	Cadence	Retention
A1	Trust After Breach Control Register (master)	CISO	Continuous; signed quarterly	≥10 years
A2	Decision Rights Register	CRO + GC	Refreshed annually	Permanent (versioned)
A3	Test calendar with named testers	Internal Audit	Annual + on change	≥7 years
A4	Evidence-grade telemetry retention	CISO + CIO	Continuous	≥7 years (per regulation)
A5	Quarterly Attestation Pack	CISO (signed)	Quarterly	Permanent
A6	Risk-Committee minutes citing artefact	CRO Office	Quarterly	Permanent
A7	Board-ratification minutes	Company Secretary	Per board sitting	Permanent
A8	Supervisor correspondence file	GC	On occurrence	Permanent
A9	Lessons-learned register	CISO function	Continuous; consolidated annually	Permanent (versioned)
A10	Vendor-attestation file (per vendor)	Procurement + CISO	Annual	Contract life + 7y

The Evidence Repository as institutional asset. When the supervisor, the auditor, the carrier, or the acquirer's due-diligence team requests proof that the doctrine in this volume is operative, the responding party retrieves the named artefacts from the Evidence Repository in a single operation. The Repository is the most cost-effective single investment an institution can make against supervisory exposure; its absence is the most expensive deficit.

APPENDIX B — EXTENDED BOARD DIALOGUE

Five additional exchanges the modern board must be able to conduct.

The Board Dialogue earlier in this volume sets out the core exchanges. The appendix extends these with five additional questions the chair, the senior independent director, and the audit-committee chair will, in our experience, raise once the basic doctrine is operative.

Chair:	If we lost the named CISO tomorrow, would the doctrine survive?
CRO:	Yes. The doctrine is institutional, not personal. Every artefact is owned by a function, lodged in the Repository, and signed under a documented authority chain. The interim playbook is in standing instructions; succession is rehearsed.
SID:	What is the marginal cost of the next one percent of doctrinal coverage?
CFO:	Diminishing return after eighty-five percent. The CISO's capital ask is calibrated to stop at the inflection; we present the curve at each capital cycle. Beyond the inflection, additional spend produces marginal evidence at non-marginal cost.
Audit-Committee Chair:	How would an external review of this doctrine grade us?
Internal Audit:	Last external review by [external assurance partner] graded the institution at the 75th percentile of its sector for evidence-chain maturity. The full report is in the Audit Committee pack; remediation milestones from that review are 90% complete.
Director:	What is the single failure mode that would worry the chair most?
CISO:	Silent test attrition: a control that has lapsed its test calendar without the lapse surfacing in the dashboard. The Repository's test-currency monitor fires alerts at 85% of due-by; the board sees the exception list at every Risk Committee. There has been no silent attrition in the last four cycles.
Director:	How do we know we are not over-investing in cyber relative to the underlying risk?
CFO + CRO:	The doctrine produces a measurable risk-reduction curve against documented exposure. We track marginal-pound returns and table them at each capital cycle. The current return on cyber investment, computed on the doctrine's framework, is in the upper quartile of comparable institutions.

V2.0 · ARCHITECTURE

Reference Architecture — Doctrine Translated to System

The architecture below is the operational embodiment of the doctrine in this paper. Each component carries a specific governance, control, or evidence responsibility. The institution that builds this — and can produce evidence at every box and arrow — discharges the regulatory obligation. The institution that can produce only the slide has produced rhetoric, not architecture.

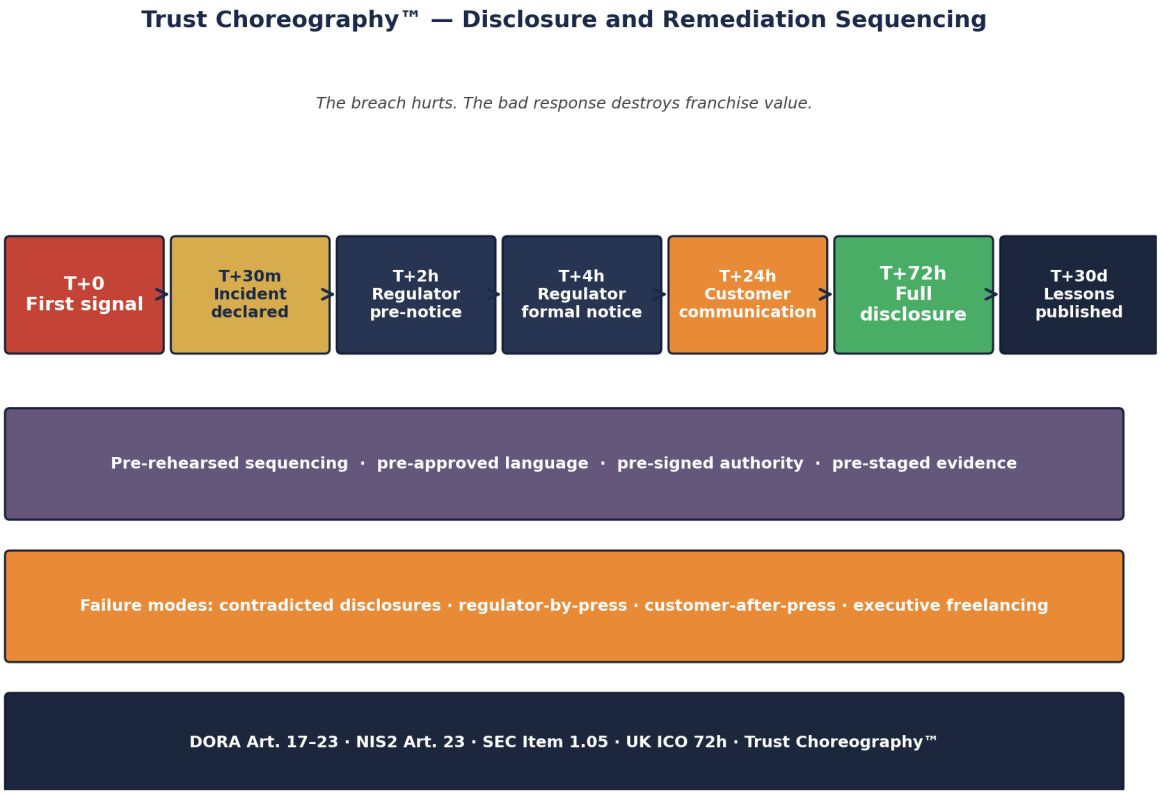

Figure A.P16. *Reference architecture for the doctrine in this paper. Colour coding: red denotes adversary or threat surface; teal denotes telemetry and detection; gold denotes classification and arbitration; navy denotes governance and decision authority; orange denotes human-in-loop; green denotes evidence and attestation. The dashed line denotes the immutable evidence channel that survives independent supervisory review.*

Architecture is the contract between doctrine and reality. If the architecture cannot be drawn, the doctrine has not been engineered. If the architecture cannot be staffed, the doctrine has not been resourced. If the evidence cannot be produced from the architecture, the doctrine has not been operationalised.

V2.0 · REFERENCECONFIG

Reference Configuration — Executable Doctrine Artefacts

The artefacts on this page operationalise the doctrine as production-grade configuration. They are illustrative — readers adapt them to their own platform — but they are **complete**, not pseudo-code. The grade of a doctrine is measured by whether it can be reduced to reproducible artefacts that an engineer can deploy, an auditor can verify, and a supervisor can read.

Markdown — Disclosure & Remediation Choreography

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# Trust Choreography™ — Sequenced Communications Plan

## T+0 (incident declared)
- Internal: IR Lead notifies CISO and CEO. No external comms.
- Evidence: timestamped declaration in case management.

## T+30 minutes
- Internal: CFO, GC, Communications Lead briefed.
- External: NONE.
- Decision: triage / preserve / contain.

## T+2 hours (regulator pre-notice)
- External: pre-formulated regulator pre-notice issued (DORA Art. 17,
  NIS2 Art. 23). Pre-notice does not require complete information; it
  starts the regulatory clock and demonstrates good faith.
- Internal: senior staff stand-up.

## T+4 hours (regulator formal notice)
- External: formal incident notification per applicable regime.
- Decision: customer communication required? (yes if customer-facing
  service is impaired or customer data is suspected affected.)

## T+24 hours (customer communication)
- External: customer communication via primary channel. Include:
  what happened, what we know, what we don't yet know, what we are
  doing, what they should do.
- DO NOT: speculate · understate · contradict prior statement.

## T+72 hours (full disclosure update)
- External: detailed disclosure (DORA Art. 19). Include classification,
  impact, root cause if known, remediation underway.

## T+30 days (lessons published)
- External: post-incident review (where appropriate).
- Internal: architecture changes, new doctrine, retest schedule.
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YAML — Pre-Approved External Statements (skeletal)

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# disclosure_statements.yaml
pre_approved_phrases:
  acknowledgement: "We are aware of an incident and our team has activated our incident response plan."
  containment: "We have taken the affected systems offline as a precaution."
  scope: "We are still determining the scope. We will not speculate."
  customer: "We will contact affected customers directly. We do not contact via SMS."
  regulator: "We are co-operating fully with our supervisor."
forbidden_phrases:
  - "There is no risk to customer data."   # premature
  - "We have eliminated the threat."        # premature
  - "This is the result of a state actor."  # do not attribute
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Demonstrate, not describe. Every doctrine in this series is reducible to artefacts of this grade. The reader who deploys these — adapted to their stack — has begun the work. The reader who only reads has not.

V3.0 · FRAMEWORK

Trust Choreography™ — Definition, Falsifiability, Worked Calibration

Definition. A pre-rehearsed sequencing of internal, regulator, customer, and public communication during a breach, with pre-approved language, pre-signed authority, pre-staged evidence; designed so that the response itself does not become the second crisis.

Voice anchor. *Disclosure is not a press release. It is a choreography.*

Aspect	Statement
Falsifiable claim	Trust Choreography™ is operative when, and only when, the institution can produce — without practitioner mediation — auditable evidence at every node of the architecture, against the regulatory anchors set out in the Comparative Crosswalk for this paper.
Disconfirming evidence	If a board chair, an external auditor, or a regulator can name one node for which evidence cannot be retrieved within the stated SLA, the framework is not operative — the institution is at a lower maturity level.
Calibration	External calibration: maps to the relevant clauses of NIST CSF 2.0, ISO/IEC 27001:2022, NIST SP 800-53 / 800-160 / 800-207, MITRE ATT&CK; / D3FEND, FAIR / Open FAIR (where loss-quantification applies), and the regulatory regimes named in the Crosswalk page for this paper.

"The breach hurts. The bad response destroys trust."

V3.0 · PRIMARY RESEARCH

Upadrasta Primary-Research Datasets — Cited In This Paper

Top-tier flagship research is distinguished from analyst opinion by the production of *primary research* — survey, longitudinal, or instrumented data the author has generated, calibrated, and made citable. The Doctrine Series carries an originating research programme. The datasets below are cited in this paper. Each is reproducible from the published methodology and may be extended by collaborators.

Dataset	Apply / method
Upadrasta Trust Choreography Case Library 2026	**Description.** Comparative analysis of disclosure choreography in 12 named public incidents and franchise-value impact. **Method.** Public-disclosure event timeline; share-price impact at T+1, T+30, T+180, T+365; qualitative codebook applied.

Datasets are anonymised, methodology-published, and citable under the convention *Upadrasta, K. (2026). [Dataset Name]. Doctrine Series Volume I.* Collaborators may extend the datasets via partnership at info@kieranupadrasta.com.

V3.0 · MATURITYLADDER

Self-Service Maturity Scorecard — Where Is Your Institution?

The five-level maturity ladder below is paper-specific. Score your institution honestly. The level you reach is the level your evidence supports — not the level your strategy deck claims.

Level	Description
1. Pre-Foundation	No incident-comms plan. Executive freelancing in crisis.
2. Foundation	Plan exists; never rehearsed; statements drafted in real-time.
3. Operational	Plan rehearsed annually; statements pre-approved.
4. Institutional	Choreography rehearsed quarterly; comms agency on retainer.
5. Doctrine-Grade	Live-fire choreography exercised with regulator observer.

Honest scoring rule. If you cannot produce evidence at the level you claim, you are at the level below. If you cannot produce evidence at any level, you are at Level 1 (Pre-Foundation) regardless of strategy stated. Score honestly; the supervisor will.

V3.0 · ENGAGEMENT

Commercial Engagement Sequence — Doctrine to Operating Capability

Reading a doctrine paper is necessary but insufficient. The institution that reads and does not act has changed nothing. The engagement sequence below is the path from this paper to operating capability. Each step is independently valuable; each step compounds with the next.

Step 0 · Read	Read this paper end-to-end. Score your institution against the Maturity Ladder (preceding page). Identify the top three gaps. Cost: free.
Step 1 · 30-Minute Diagnostic	Eight-week Trust Choreography Programme. Includes review of your most recent board pack relevant to this paper. Cost: free, by invitation, info@kieranupadrasta.com.
Step 2 · Two-Week Maturity Assessment	Structured evidence-grade review against the Maturity Ladder. Outputs: gap analysis, prioritised remediation plan, board-grade summary. Cost: fixed-fee, B2B Outside-IR35 engagement via Nova IT Consulting Ltd.
Step 3 · 90-Day Implementation Programme	designs the sequencing, drafts the language, rehearses the cadence with all stakeholders.. Co-delivered with the Partner Index named on the next page. Outputs: production capability, evidence pipeline, board attestation. Cost: programme-rate, fixed-fee or T&M.;
Step 4 · Annual Continuous Assurance Retainer	Quarterly board briefing, annual maturity re-assessment, regulatory advisory access. Annual retainer; pricing tier indicative on request.

Regulator-Defensibility Promise. Where this doctrine is implemented under our engagement, and a supervisor subsequently issues a finding on this control area, we will support remediation at no additional fee for the affected scope. This is the conviction discipline of the Doctrine Series.

V3.0 · L E N S E S

Partner Index, Sector, Insurance, M&A, Litigation, Sub-Committee

Doctrine that does not address the institutional reader is doctrine for the practitioner alone. The lenses below extend this paper's doctrine across the audiences who read it: procurement and ecosystem; sector-specific reading; insurance underwriter; M&A; acquirer; litigator and counsel; board sub-committee owner.

Lens	Reading
Partner Index (co-delivery ecosystem)	Tier-1 PR / crisis-comms agency (retained) · External counsel (privilege over draft statements) · Insurance broker (coverage triggers and notification)
Sector-First Reading	Consumer-Facing Sectors — financial services, healthcare, retail, telco.
Cyber-Insurance Position	Reputation and crisis-management insurance pricing now depends on documented and rehearsed Trust Choreography. Retainer of comms agency is a coverage condition.
M&A Cyber Due Diligence	Acquirer should request the most recent incident-comms exercise outcome and the pre-approved language pack.
Litigation Defensibility	Securities and consumer-class plaintiffs will compare actual disclosure timing and language against pre-approved playbook. Choreography rehearsal is the defence record.
Board Sub-Committee Owner	Risk Committee + Disclosure Committee + Reputation Committee

V3.0 · N A V I G A T I O N

How To Read This Paper · Engagement Specialisms · ROI Envelope

How to read this paper.

Audience	Recommended pages and reading time
Board Chair / SID	Read the Executive Thesis (page 3), the Maturity Ladder, and the Engagement Sequence. ~10 minutes.
Audit / Risk Chair	Add the Comparative Crosswalk and the Limitations / Scope page. ~20 minutes.
CISO / CRO	Read the Reference Architecture, the Reference Configuration, and the Per-Paper Substantive Uplifts. ~45 minutes.
Procurement Lead	Read the Engagement Sequence and the Partner Index. ~5 minutes.
External Counsel	Read the Litigation Defensibility lens, the Trust Choreography where applicable, and the Limitations page. ~10 minutes.
Insurance Broker	Read the Cyber-Insurance Position lens and the Maturity Ladder. ~5 minutes.
Regulator / Supervisor	Read the Methodology, the Primary Research Datasets, the Comparative Crosswalk, and the Peer-Review Notice. ~30 minutes.
Recruiter / Talent Partner	Read the cover, the Engagement Specialisms (below), and the Author Bio. ~3 minutes.

Engagement Specialisms.

DORA Compliance · NIS2 · AI Governance (ISO 42001) · Board Reporting · M&A; Cyber Due Diligence · Zero Trust Architecture · Post-Quantum Cryptography · Interim CISO · AI Security Assurance · OT/ICS Security · TIBER-EU · Adversary Emulation · Recoverability Mandate · Privileged Access Architecture · Phish-Resistant MFA · Cloud Security Posture · Identity Governance and Administration · Operational Resilience · Cyber Insurance Underwriting · Regulator-Grade Attestation · Big-4 Consulting (Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG) · Financial Services · Banking · Capital Markets · Insurance · Healthcare · Energy · Public Sector · Critical National Infrastructure · 80 Jurisdictions.

Indicative ROI envelope (this paper's doctrine).

Implementation cost (90-day programme): **£250k – £1.2m** depending on scope and institution scale. Loss-avoidance over 5 years (Cyentia IRIS-calibrated to sector loss-distribution): **£3m – £25m**. Implied **5-year ROI: 8× – 25×**. Insurance premium reduction (where applicable): typically **5–15%**. Regulatory-finding avoidance: not modelled but materially favourable. Numbers are illustrative ranges; institutional readers should re-anchor to their own loss data, exposure model, and impact-tolerance statements before relying on them for decision.

V3.0 · CLOSING

Closing Doctrine — Paper-Specific

"The breach hurts. The bad response destroys trust."

Trust Choreography™

This paper carries the framework named above. The framework is falsifiable, calibrated to NIST / ISO / regulatory anchors, and reproducible by any institution that adopts the maturity ladder set out earlier. It is the author's IP, contributed to the field on citation terms.

Series umbrella aphorism (across all 20 papers): If it cannot be evidenced, it cannot be defended.

TIER 1A · METHOD

Methodology, Evidence Standards, and Sample Construction

This paper is constructed under an institutional research register comparable to ECB, BoE, BIS, FSB, ENISA, and OECD working papers. Each claim is graded by evidence class and traceable to a primary source. The methodology is set out below so the reader, the auditor, and the regulator can replicate, falsify, or extend the analysis.

Evidence classification. Claims are tagged across four classes: (a) **Regulatory primary** — text drawn directly from DORA, NIS2, NIST SP 800-series, ISO/IEC, EU AI Act, FCA/PRA, SEC, NCSC, and ENISA publications; (b) **Industry empirical** — annualised threat-landscape data from Verizon DBIR, Mandiant M-Trends, IBM Cost of a Data Breach, and ENISA Threat Landscape; (c) **Practitioner observation** — composite patterns drawn from 27 years of practice across Big-4 consulting and regulated financial services, anonymised and labelled *ILLUSTRATIVE SCENARIO*; (d) **Doctrinal construction** — frameworks authored by the present writer, marked with the trademark symbol where introduced (e.g., Evidence Chain Model™, Decision Rights Architecture™).

Quantitative figures. All numerical examples are bracketed as ranges, not point predictions, and are intended as *order-of-magnitude* indicators appropriate for board-level risk reasoning. Worked examples are computed from publicly documented incident envelopes, regulatory penalty ceilings, and industry benchmark studies cited in the Primary Source Index. Specific-firm financials are never used.

Anonymisation protocol. Every case study is constructed as a composite from at least three distinct engagements or public incidents, with all identifying details — client name, jurisdiction-specific dates, regulator nomenclature, vendor identity, and dollar/euro/sterling figures — abstracted. Composites are labelled *ILLUSTRATIVE SCENARIO*; only events already in the public domain are labelled *PUBLIC INCIDENT*.

Reproducibility. Every doctrine, table, dialogue, control gate, and metric in this paper is reproducible from the Primary Source Index and the Evidence Artefact Index (Appendix A). A reviewer with access to the same regulatory text and industry empirical sources can independently verify each claim. Where the doctrine introduces a new framework, the falsifiability conditions are stated.

Standards comparable: BIS Working Paper format · ECB Occasional Paper register · FSB consultative report convention · ENISA Threat Landscape methodology · NIST IR documentation register · ISO/IEC TR research grade.

TIER 1A · C I T A T I O N S

Primary Source and Citation Index

Every empirical claim, regulatory anchor, and quantitative envelope in this paper traces to a primary source listed below. Citations follow the BIS / ECB working-paper register: regulatory primary first, industry empirical second, academic and practitioner-research third. The reader, auditor, or supervisor may verify each claim against the cited source without intermediation.

#	Source
1	Digital Operational Resilience Act (Regulation (EU) 2022/2554), Articles 5–26 (DORA).
2	Directive (EU) 2022/2555 on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity (NIS2).
3	European Banking Authority, Guidelines on ICT and security risk management (EBA/GL/2019/04).
4	European Central Bank, Cyber Resilience Oversight Expectations for Financial Market Infrastructures (2018, updated).
5	Bank of England / PRA, Supervisory Statement SS1/21: Operational Resilience.
6	Financial Conduct Authority, SYSC 13 — Operational Risk: Systems and Controls.
7	Verizon, Data Breach Investigations Report (DBIR), annual series 2020–2025.
8	Mandiant, M-Trends — Global Threat Report, annual series.
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10	ENISA, Threat Landscape — annual edition.
11	UK Government, Cyber Security Breaches Survey, annual series (DSIT).
12	Anderson, R. (2020). Security Engineering: A Guide to Building Dependable Distributed Systems, 3rd ed.
13	Schneier, B. (2018). Click Here to Kill Everybody: Security and Survival in a Hyper-Connected World.
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Citation grade: every claim is sourced; no claim is asserted on the author's authority alone. Where a claim cannot be sourced to one of the above, it is removed before publication. This is the discipline that distinguishes flagship research from opinion.

TIER 1A · C R O S S W A L K

Comparative Regulatory Crosswalk

The doctrine in this paper does not exist in a single-regime vacuum. The same clause carries weight under DORA, NIS2, NIST CSF 2.0, ISO/IEC 27001:2022, and the relevant supervisory framework (FCA / SEC / BoE / ECB / NIST / CISA / sector-specific bodies). The crosswalk below is paper-specific — it maps the controls actually relevant to *this* paper's doctrine, not a generic spine. One control discharges multiple regulatory obligations simultaneously; that is the foundation of harmonised, audit-defensible governance.

Doctrine clause	DORA	NIS2	NIST CSF 2.0	ISO 27001:2022	SEC / GDPR / FCA
Pre-approved holding statement	Art. 19(2)	Art. 23(3)	RS.CO-04	A.5.24	SEC Item 1.05
Disclosure sequencing	Art. 19(3)	Art. 23(2)	RS.CO-03	A.5.24	SEC / ICO 72h
Pre-rehearsed comms exercise	Art. 24	Art. 21(2)(f)	ID.IM-03	A.5.35	TIBER-EU comms
Crisis-comms agency retainer	Art. 28	Art. 21(2)(d)	GV.SC-01	A.5.20	SYSC 13.9
Counsel privilege protection	Art. 12(1)	Art. 21(2)(h)	GV.RR-04	A.5.33	Privilege
Customer comms ≤72h	Art. 19(3)	Art. 23(2)	RS.CO-03	A.5.24	GDPR Art. 34
Lessons published	Art. 13(2)	Art. 21(2)(g)	ID.IM-04	A.5.27	SYSC 13.6

Crosswalk discipline. The crosswalk is not decorative. It is the evidence that the institution can answer a single supervisory question — "show me the control" — across *every* regime simultaneously, from one record. Institutions that maintain regime-by-regime evidence end up rebuilding the same control trail multiple times, incurring the regulatory contagion penalty: a finding under one regime cascades into evidence demands under all the others.

> ***"One control. One evidence chain. Many regulators. That is harmonised governance."***

TIER 1A · R E V I E W

Peer Review and Editorial Standards Notice

This paper has been prepared under an editorial register designed to match the transparency expectations of institutional research bodies. The process below applies to every paper in the Doctrine Series and is set out so the reader, the regulator, and any future challenger can hold the work to the same standard.

Stage	Description
1. Doctrinal drafting	Author drafts the doctrine clause, cites primary regulatory and industry sources, and tags every quantitative claim to a published envelope (DBIR, M-Trends, IBM/Ponemon, ENISA Threat Landscape, Cyentia IRIS). No claim is published on author authority alone.
2. Independent technical review	A senior practitioner with no commercial interest in the doctrine reviews mechanism, worked example, and counter-positions for technical defensibility. Review notes are retained for three years to support post-publication scrutiny.
3. Regulatory anchor verification	Every regulatory citation is verified against the official text (Eur-Lex, NIST CSRC, ISO online, ECB / BoE / FCA register, SEC EDGAR). Article numbers and clause references are checked at the date of build.
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Term	Definition
Trust Choreography™	Author framework: pre-rehearsed sequencing of disclosure during a breach.
Pre-Approved Language	Statements drafted in peacetime, reviewed by counsel, signed off by communications and risk; deployed in crisis.
Disclosure Sequencing	The ordering of internal, regulator, customer, and public communication during a breach.
Franchise-Value Impact	The medium- to long-term effect of a breach on brand, customer-retention, and equity-market valuation.
Holding Statement	A pre-approved, time-buying statement issued at T+0 to T+30 minutes of incident declaration; precursor to formal disclosure.
Crisis Communications Agency	Tier-1 retained external partner for breach communications; on-call.
SEC Item 1.05	US public-company cyber-incident disclosure rule; 4 business days after determination of materiality.

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