



Timmins and District Hospital L'Hôpital de Timmins et du district

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A. Purpose

To ensure the Board has an understanding of the expectations concerning Ransomware.

B. Definitions

Ransomware: a type of malicious software that infects a computer and restricts users' access to it until a ransom is paid to unlock it.

C. Content

Ransomware variants have been observed for several years and often attempt to extort money from victims by displaying an ongoing screen alert. Typically, these alerts state that the user's systems have been locked or that the user's files have been encrypted. Users are told that unless a ransom is paid, access will not be restored. The ransom demanded from individuals varies greatly and must be paid in virtual currency, such as Bitcoin.

D. Policy/Procedure

The Board has taken the position that as a matter of Policy, ransoms will not be paid and restoration will be from backup data files.

E. References

N/A

D. Appendices/Links

N/A