

## Anchor Group Services announces new partnership between PAL Protect and 631 Risk Management

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Anchor Group Services has announced a brand-new strategic partnership between its security consultancy, PAL Protect, and leading risk assurance specialist, 631 Risk Management. This collaboration represents a significant milestone in PAL Protect's mission to enhance risk management and security consultancy for its clients.

Under the leadership of Paul Griffin, Managing Director at 631 Risk Management, the firm brings extensive expertise in delivering independent risk assurance reviews to executive teams and account directors. Their structured three-step methodology ensures a thorough review of existing risk frameworks and enhances internal risk analysis processes to support accurate, informed decision-making.

Director of PAL Protect, Ian Pugh said: "Our partnership with 631 Risk Management strengthens PAL Protect's ability to deliver premium consultancy services. Paul's knowledge and experience will add real value to our team. As an independent consultant, he brings fresh insight and specialist advice aligning perfectly with PAL Protect's mission to provide top-tier protection through our consultancy services which will directly benefit our clients."

Director of 631 Risk Management, Paul Griffin added: "Having worked closely with Ian through industry working groups in the past, the opportunity to align with PAL Protect was an easy decision. Ian's reputation in the UK security sector is exceptional, and PAL Protect's tailored, professional services perfectly complement what we strive to deliver at 631 Risk Management. I'm extremely excited about this next chapter and the significant value we can provide to clients moving forward."



Together, Paul and Ian are already preparing to deliver high-level risk assurance proposals for multiple clients, including the development of Crisis Management procedures for a global shopping centre operator, and a comprehensive Health and Safety Risk Assurance review for the Executive Team of a global retailer.

Paul's extensive leadership experience at Virgin Atlantic, McArthurGlen Designer Outlets, and Formula E Racing, means this collaboration brings unmatched industry insight and a proactive approach to safeguarding operational resilience.

In light of recent high-profile prosecutions across the leisure and retail sectors including Pontins, John Lewis, and Paddle Boat operator – 631 Risk Management and PAL Protect's partnership comes at a critical time, with growing pressure on executive teams to demonstrate robust risk management and tested control frameworks.

Working together closely, the two organisations aim to deliver best-in-class solutions that help clients build secure, resilient, and compliant operations across a variety of sectors. The collaboration highlights Anchor Group Services' continued commitment to innovation and excellence in consultancy-led risk management.