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The debate about the role of software tools in business continuity planning still rages on. We firmly believe that software like Mataco, can greatly improve your plan management and distribution. Now it seems that Forrester Research agree. In their [report](#) they state "**You can no longer manage a complex BCM program with simple office tools**". You wouldn't struggle with Excel for your Payroll or Accounts, so why do so for Business Continuity? The report concludes: "**...you need software; you've needed it for years, and it's time to invest.**" For more details on Mataco please follow this [link](#).

Below, we welcome another user who has chosen Mataco to help with their BCM program. There is also some updates on Mataco and a reminder to join the consultant's collaboration space to comment on new product features.

Gravesham gets Mataco

Another Public Sector organisation has become a happy Mataco user. Gravesham District Council are currently populating their hosted Mataco database with all their Business Impact Analysis Data. This is their first step towards managing the whole of their Business Continuity plans easily and securely using Mataco's on-line tools.

Mataco goes mobile

Whether you're in bed at home, stuck in a motorway traffic jam or on the beach in Barbados, you can now view your Business Continuity plans easily. Team contact details are

New Mataco menu structure

Users of Mataco can now select a menu that is structured to match the [BCI's Good Practice Guidelines](#). This menu reflects the workflow that the GPG outlines by starting with *Understanding the Organisation* and progressing through *Determine BCM Strategy* to *Exercising, Maintaining and Reviewing*.

As Mataco supports the full GPG, each GPG stage has its specific screens for managing the data and information relevant to that stage.

All the usual Mataco options are there as well; the Audit Tool, User Management and Excel

Complete our survey

We would welcome your views on the use of software in business continuity planning and consultancy. Please complete our [survey](#) and we will share the results.

Consultant collaboration

The Mataco Consultant Programme allows BC experts to comment on new Mataco features and ensure that Mataco supports them in their work. A shared on-line collaboration portal is now available where demos can be viewed and comments left. Please contact us if you would like to receive a login for the portal or to join the Consultant Programme.

Up and coming

one click away. We all know that paper plans can be cumbersome to carry round, may be out of date and easily mislaid.

With **Mataco Mobile** you can securely search for plans by location, incident type or plan type and view the plan's PDF on your device. You can phone or email people on the plan's distribution list or contact anybody in Mataco.

Mataco Mobile runs on any web enabled device be it an iPhone, Android, Blackberry, Windows, Tablet or Desktop PC.

Please contact us for more information and a demo login.

Data Load can still be accessed.

Data load templates

Collecting accurate BIA data provides the foundation for a successful Business Continuity programme. Keeping BIA data up to date ensures your plans reflect your current configuration.

Mataco users can now use Excel templates to capture BIA data and have it loaded directly into Mataco.

No longer do you need to cut and paste between myriad documents.

The Mataco loader also updates data already in the database should new data now be available. This is another useful tool for Mataco users.

events

We have 2 events planned at the moment:

[Business Continuity and Technical Resilience](#)

[July 26, 10 AM - 1 PM](#)

[Rheged, Penrith](#)

This is a free event which we are running with Lancaster University's InfoLab21.

[Business Continuity - Prepare for the Unexpected](#)

[Sept 21, 4PM - 6PM](#)

[Commerce House, Fenton St., Lancaster](#)

We are running this event with Lancaster Chamber of Commerce. This event will cost £10 for members and £20 for non-members.

We would like to see you at either event! Please follow the links above to book or contact us for more information.

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