

Remote access is now the weakest edge of the network

The perimeter review found the office network in good order and the routes around it neglected. **We recommend retiring the legacy VPN before the end of the year.**

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The legacy VPN still accepts passwords alone

It predates single sign-on and was left running for two suppliers.

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Patching is fast wherever it is automated

The servers that lag are the ones still patched by hand.

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Backups exist, and have never been restored in a test

Nobody can say how long a recovery would take.

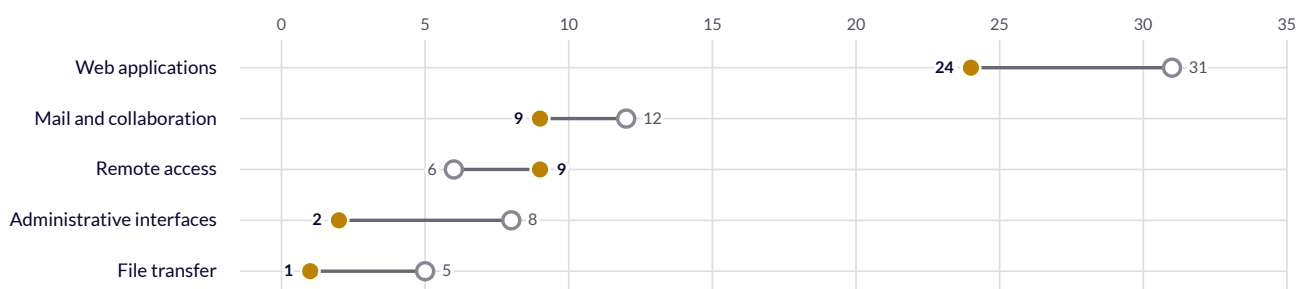
Exposure fell everywhere except remote access

We compared what an outsider can reach today with what they could reach at the last review. Four of five categories shrank. Remote access grew, because two supplier connections were added to the old gateway.

Remote access is the only category that grew

Services reachable from the internet, April and October 2026

○ April ● October



Source: external scans of 4 April and 3 October 2026.

Three ways to close it

Retire the VPN

Move both suppliers to the access broker.
Six weeks, 18,000 euros, no new licences.
Closes the finding.

Add a second factor

Two weeks, 6,000 euros. Keeps an
unpatched gateway on the internet.

Accept the risk

No cost now. The gateway leaves vendor
support in March.

Recommendation

Retire the legacy VPN by 15 December

It is the only option that removes the gateway. Both suppliers
have confirmed they can move.