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What is SoGEA and why do I need to know?

In March 2021 the UK government unveiled its Ten Tech Priorities that will form the foundation of the UK Digital Strategy. Number 1 on the list is 'Rolling our world-class digital infrastructure nationwide'.

As part of that plan the legacy telecoms network (the Public Switched Telephone Network - PSTN) that many of us have relied on for our business communications is going to be replaced with digital alternatives. SoGEA is one of those alternatives.

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So, another acronym to learn... what on earth is SoGEA? SoGEA stands for Single Order Generic Ethernet Access, but what is it? SoGEA is a type of broadband service (like FTTC or FTTP) that supplies a data only line to the cabinet before being taken to the premise of your business.

SoGEA uses a blend of copper and fibre technology, much like FTTC (Fibre To The Cabinet). Just like FTTC you don't need an additional landline to be able to make calls.

Current broadband services are reliant on the voice/telephone connection to provide a broadband connection. If you lose the voice services, then you also lose the broadband. This newer service allows for a superfast broadband connection without the need for the underlying landline connection.

What does that mean for my voice services?

Going with SOGEA means that your voice services won't be held over legacy infrastructure but over the internet instead, much like making voice calls over your social apps.

If you would like to learn more about VoIP and SIP services, get in touch with the team today.

The UK Digital Strategy is gathering pace and the need to discuss your telecommunications services is getting nearer - make sure you are prepared for the change.

Think of it a bit like the radio switch over to Digital. It will take some time but overall will improve and future proof communication and connectivity in the UK.

If you have any questions or concerns about these upcoming changes, speak to the Bamboo team today.