

SECURITY BREACH

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Managed Supplier Assurance

Managed Supplier Assurance is a form of due diligence activity to identify and mitigate risks related to the use of third parties within the supply chain. As businesses increasingly rely on a network of suppliers, vendors, and service providers, the importance of Supplier Assurance in avoiding regulatory fines, data breaches, and operational disruptions becomes vital. Our expertise in Supply chain risk management is tailored to navigate this landscape, offering bespoke solutions to improve your organisations security posture and implement a well-managed Supplier Assurance programme.

Our ultimate objective is to take the burden away from your organisation and manage the third-party risk management programme on your behalf.

Our Supplier Assurance foundations programme will start by understanding your organisations requirements and current ways of working. Using our expertise as risk consultants we then create a new framework, questionnaires, and tiering process. Working with key stakeholders within the organisation to ensure that the new processes are embedded properly and work for the business and its objectives.

For companies seeking a streamlined approach, Cyber Security Associates offer a managed service to ensure the end-to-end process is taken care of, risks are highlighted to business owners and appropriate mitigations are put in place. We have also partnered with an industry leading GRC practice to centrally manage vendors, automate tiering, and conduct risk assessments.

Benefits:

- **Risk Identification** | Identify any potential risks within the supply chain that could affect the organisation or partners.
- **Defence in depth** | Advise mitigating solutions on risks and issues identified.
- **Framework Alignment** | Aid due diligence practice which supports many frameworks - ISO27001, SOC 2, NIST.
- **Risk Reduction** | Reduce the likelihood of operational, reputational, and financial risk to the organisation.
- **Legal and Regulatory** | Meet legal and regulatory compliance requirements by managing your supply chain effectively.
- **Decision Making** | Make informed decisions on your supply chain and empower your business owners.



Assured Service Provider



in association with
National Cyber
Security Centre

CHECK Penetration Testing

Framework
Creation

Assessment
Design

Consultant Led
Assessments

Supplier Tiering

Analysis and
Reporting

Technology
Enabled Service*

*in partnership with our GRC technology provider.

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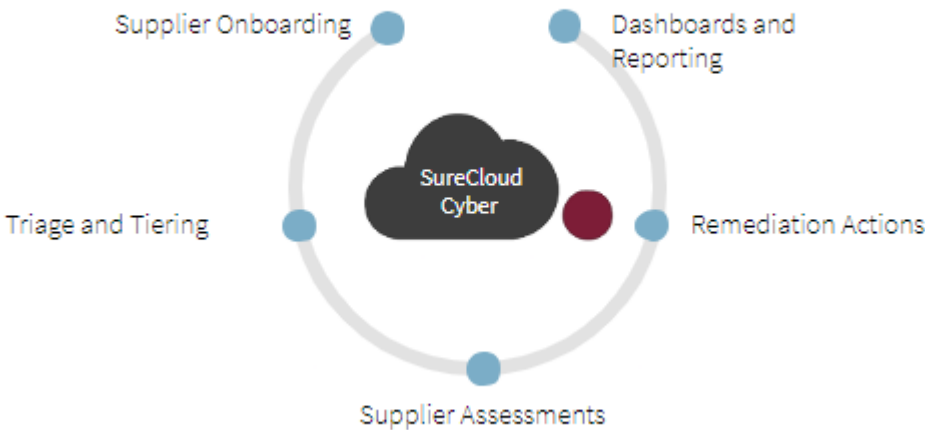
Our Services & Approach

What we do for you

1. **Due Diligence on Your Behalf:** We meticulously investigate vendors, assessing their security practices, compliance, and overall risk profile. Our team does the heavy lifting of these engagements, so you don't have to. We work with both your organisation and the end supplier, ensuring that your vendors meet the highest standards.
2. **Clear, Actionable Insights:** We know that not everyone speaks security. That's why we provide business stakeholders with a plain-language view of the risks associated with specific vendors. No confusing acronyms or complex jargon—just actionable insights that empower decision-makers, ensuring security is tangible to them.
3. **Remediation Guidance:** When risks are identified, we work with you. Our experts guide you through effective remediation strategies. Whether it's patching vulnerabilities, improving processes, or renegotiating contracts, we can support to conclusion.

Why choose Cyber Security Associates?

1. **Expertise:** Our seasoned professionals understand the intricacies of supply chain security. We've seen it all and know how to navigate the complexities of both cyber risk and vendor management. We're used to working with large organisations with 1000s of suppliers, but also smaller to medium businesses who just want us to manage their most critical suppliers.
2. **Holistic Approach:** We don't just focus on individual vendors; we consider the entire ecosystem. Our approach ensures comprehensive risk management.
3. **Peace of Mind:** With the threat landscape ever changing, consideration needs to be given to one of the most vulnerable areas to attack, your supply chain. With us by your side, you can rest easy knowing that your vendor relationships are secure.



Case Study: Domestic and General

Insurance leader Domestic and General (D&G) faced considerable challenges in managing the security of their extensive and intricate supply chain, where the looming risks of security breaches and regulatory non-compliance posed significant concerns.

Using a proportionate, risk-based approach, we defined workflows, questionnaires, and tiering processes, prioritising critical suppliers and tailoring due diligence efforts. By aligning our strategies with established frameworks such as NIST, PCI and ISO 27001, we ensured that the organisation's supply chain security measures adhered to industry best practices.

Through proactive risk mitigation strategies and the establishment of relationship owner management, we empowered the organisation to take decisive action in protecting their supply chain. This not only bolstered their defence against potential threats but also introduced a fresh sense of control and confidence.

In summary, our partnership with D&G has not only mitigated risks and reduced vulnerabilities but has also positioned them for long-term success in an ever-evolving threat landscape. Through strategic alignment, risk reduction, and decision-making empowerment, we helped them to fortify their supply chain defenses and allow for secure sustainable growth.