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Skills For the Information Age (SFIA) Definitions & Rate Card

	Strategy & Architecture	Business Change	Solution Development & Implementation	Service Management	Procurement & Management Support	Client Interface
1. Follow	£600	£600	£600	£600	£600	£600
2. Assist	£600	£600	£600	£600	£600	£600
3. Apply	£850	£850	£850	£850	£850	£850
4. Enable	£850	£850	£850	£850	£850	£850
5. Ensure/Advise	£1000	£1000	£1000	£1000	£1000	£1000
6. Initiate/Influence	£1000	£1000	£1000	£1000	£1000	£1000
7. Set Strategy/Inspire	£1300	£1300	£1300	£1300	£1300	£1300

Standards for consultancy day rate cards

- **Consultant's working day:** 8 hours exclusive of travel and lunch
- **Working week:** Monday to Friday excluding national holidays
- **Office hours:** 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday
- **Travel, mileage subsistence:** Included in day rate within M25. Payable at department's standard travel and subsistence rates outside M25
- **Mileage:** As for travel, mileage subsistence
- **Professional indemnity insurance:** included in day rate

Level	Autonomy	Influence	Complexity	Knowledge	Business skills
1 Follow	Works under supervision. Uses little discretion. Is expected to seek guidance in unexpected situations.	Minimal influence. May work alone or interact with immediate colleagues.	Performs routine activities in a structured environment. Requires assistance in resolving unexpected problems.	Has a basic generic knowledge appropriate to area of work. Applies newly acquired knowledge to develop new skills.	Has sufficient communication skills for effective dialogue with others. Demonstrates an organised approach to work. Uses basic systems and tools, applications, and processes. Contributes to identifying own development opportunities. Follows code of conduct, ethics and organisational standards. Is aware of health and safety issues. Understands and applies basic personal security practice.
2 Assist	Works under routine direction. Uses limited discretion in resolving issues or enquiries. Works without frequent reference to others.	Interacts with and may influence immediate colleagues. May have some external contact with customers, suppliers and partners. May have more influence in own domain. Aware of need to collaborate	Performs a range of work activities in varied environments. May contribute to routine issue resolution.	Demonstrates application of essential generic knowledge typically found in industry bodies of knowledge. Has gained a basic domain knowledge. Absorbs new information when it is presented	Has sufficient communication skills for effective dialogue with customers, suppliers and partners. Is able to work in a team. Is able to plan, schedule and monitor own work within short time horizons. Demonstrates a

		with team and represent users/customer needs.		systematically and applies it effectively.	rational and organised approach to work. Understands and uses appropriate methods, tools and applications. Identifies and negotiates own development opportunities. Is fully aware of and complies with essential organisational security practices expected of the individual.
3 Apply	Works under general direction. Uses discretion in identifying and responding to complex issues and assignments. Receives specific direction, accepts guidance and has work reviewed at agreed milestones. Determines when issues should be escalated to a higher level.	Interacts with and influences colleagues. Has working level contact with customers, suppliers and partners. May supervise others or make decisions which impact the work assigned to individuals or phases of projects. Understands and collaborates on the analysis of user/customer needs and represents this in their work.	Performs a range of work, sometimes complex and non-routine, in a variety of environments. Applies methodical approach to issue definition and resolution.	Has a sound generic, domain and specialist knowledge necessary to perform effectively in the organisation typically gained from recognised bodies of knowledge and organisational information. Demonstrates effective application of knowledge. Has an appreciation of the wider business context. Takes action to develop own knowledge.	"Demonstrates effective communication skills. Plans, schedules and monitors own work (and that of others where applicable) competently within limited deadlines and according to relevant legislation, standards and procedures. Contributes fully to the work of teams. Appreciates how own role relates to other roles and to the business of the employer or client Demonstrates an

					<p>analytical and systematic approach to issue resolution.</p> <p>Takes the initiative in identifying and negotiating appropriate personal development opportunities.</p> <p>Understands how own role impacts security and demonstrates routine security practice and knowledge required for own work..</p>
4 Enable	Works under general direction within a clear framework of accountability. Exercises substantial personal responsibility and autonomy. Plans own work to meet given objectives and processes.	Influences customers, suppliers and partners at account level. May have some responsibility for the work of others and for the allocation of resources. Participates in external activities related to own specialism. Makes decisions which influence the success of projects and team objectives. Collaborates regularly	Work includes a broad range of complex technical or professional activities, in a variety of contexts. Investigates, defines and resolves complex issues.	Has a thorough understanding of recognised generic industry bodies of knowledge and specialist bodies of knowledge as necessary. Has gained a thorough knowledge of the domain of the organisation. Is able to apply the knowledge effectively in unfamiliar situations and actively maintains	<p>Communicates fluently, orally and in writing, and can present complex information to both technical and non-technical audiences.</p> <p>Plans, schedules and monitors work to meet time and quality targets.</p> <p>Facilitates collaboration between stakeholders who share common objectives.</p>

		with team members, users and customers. Engages to ensure that user needs are being met throughout.		own knowledge and contributes to the development of others. Rapidly absorbs new information and applies it effectively. Maintains an awareness of developing practices and their application and takes responsibility for driving own development.	Selects appropriately from applicable standards, methods, tools and applications. Fully understands the importance of security to own work and the operation of the organisation. Seeks specialist security knowledge or advice when required to support own work or work of immediate colleagues.
5 Ensure, Advise	Works under broad direction. Work is often self-initiated. Is fully responsible for meeting allocated technical and/or project/supervisory objectives. Establishes milestones and has a significant role in the assignment of tasks and/or responsibilities.	Influences organisation, customers, suppliers, partners and peers on the contribution of own specialism. Builds appropriate and effective business relationships. Makes decisions which impact the success of assigned work, i.e. results, deadlines and budget. Has significant influence over the allocation and management of	Performs an extensive range and variety of complex technical and/or professional work activities. Undertakes work which requires the application of fundamental principles in a wide and often unpredictable range of contexts. Understands the relationship between own specialism and wider customer/organisational requirements.	Is fully familiar with recognised industry bodies of knowledge both generic and specific. Actively seeks out new knowledge for own personal development and the mentoring or coaching of others. Develops a wider breadth of knowledge across the industry or business. Applies knowledge to help to define the standards	Demonstrates leadership. Communicates effectively, both formally and informally. Facilitates collaboration between stakeholders who have diverse objectives. Analyses, designs, plans, executes and evaluates work to time, cost and quality targets. Analyses requirements and advises on scope and

		<p>resources appropriate to given assignments. Leads on user/customer collaboration throughout all stages of work. Ensures users' needs are met consistently through each work stage.</p>		<p>which others will apply.</p>	<p>options for continuous operational improvement. Takes all requirements into account when making proposals. Demonstrates creativity, innovation and ethical thinking in applying solutions for the benefit of the customer/stakeholder</p> <p>Advises on the available standards, methods, tools and applications relevant to own specialism and can make appropriate choices from alternatives..</p> <p>Maintains an awareness of developments in the industry. Takes initiative to keep skills up to date. Mentors colleagues.</p> <p>Assesses and evaluates risk.</p> <p>Proactively ensures security is</p>
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					appropriately addressed within their area by self and others. Engages or works with security specialists as necessary. Contributes to the security culture of the organisation.
6 Initiate, Influence	Has defined authority and accountability for actions and decisions within a significant area of work, including technical, financial and quality aspects. Establishes organisational objectives and assigns responsibilities.	Influences policy and strategy formation. Initiates influential relationships with internal and external customers, suppliers and partners at senior management level, including industry leaders. Makes decisions which impact the work of employing organisations, achievement of organisational objectives and financial performance.	Has a broad business understanding and deep understanding of own specialism(s). Performs highly complex work activities covering technical, financial and quality aspects. Contributes to the implementation of policy and strategy. Creatively applies a wide range of technical and/or management principles.	Promotes the application of generic and specific bodies of knowledge in own organisation. Has developed business knowledge of the activities and practices of own organisation and those of suppliers, partners, competitors and clients.	<p>Demonstrates clear leadership. Communicates effectively at all levels to both technical and non-technical audiences.</p> <p>Understands the implications of new technologies. Understands and communicates industry developments, and the role and impact of technology in the employing organisation. Absorbs complex information.</p> <p>Promotes compliance with relevant legislation and the need for services, products and working practices to provide equal access</p>

					<p>and equal opportunity to people with diverse abilities.</p> <p>Takes the initiative to keep both own and colleagues' skills up to date.</p> <p>Manages and mitigates risk.</p> <p>Takes a leading role in promoting security throughout own area of responsibilities and collectively in the organisations.</p>
7 Set Strategy, Inspire, Mobilise	At the highest organisational level, has authority over all aspects of a significant area of work, including policy formation and application. Is fully accountable for actions taken and decisions made, both by self and others to whom responsibilities have been assigned.	Makes decisions critical to organisational success. Inspires the organisation, and influences developments within the industry at the highest levels. Advances the knowledge and/or exploitation of technology within one or more organisations. Develops long-term strategic relationships	Leads on the formulation and implementation of strategy. Applies the highest level of leadership skills. Has a deep understanding of the industry and the implications of emerging technologies for the wider business environment.	Has established a broad and deep business knowledge including the activities and practices of own organisation and a broad knowledge of those of suppliers, partners, competitors and clients. Fosters a culture to encourage the strategic application of generic and specific bodies of	<p>Has a full range of strategic management and leadership skills.</p> <p>Communicates the potential impact of emerging practices and technologies on organisations and individuals and assesses the risks of using or not using such practices and technologies.</p> <p>Understands, explains and presents complex</p>

		with customers, partners, industry leaders and government.		knowledge within own area of influence.	<p>ideas to audiences at all levels in a persuasive and convincing manner.</p> <p>Assesses the impact of legislation and actively promotes compliance and inclusivity.</p> <p>Ensures that the organisation develops and mobilises the full range of required skills and capabilities.</p> <p>Champions security within own area of work and throughout the organisation.</p>
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