

# G-Cloud 14 Service Description

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Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy, with Chartered Cyber Security Professionals, who can support organisations in any aspect of the delivery lifecycle.

Our Certified Consultants have deep industry knowledge, experience and expertise to provide organisations with pragmatic, accurate and cost-effective approaches based on industry best practices, methodology and principles.

What is the Service

Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy who has been assured to the highest standards as defined by National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and professional bodies such as UK Cyber Security Council. With a proven track record of delivering cyber security consultancy expertise, we pride ourselves on working closely with our clients - often augmenting in-house capability.

A Cyber Security Essentials Plus certified company, the services provided by the Cyber Portfolio align with ISO/IEC 20700 family of information security management standards, ensuring work is appropriately scoped, planned and delivered to the highest standards.

Methods provide a holistic approach to Cloud Platform Security with work undertaken by industry qualified Cyber security experts, many holding CCP Lead Practitioner else qualified to Chartered status, able to offer approved guidance and support to both public and private sector clients, covering the entirety of the Security organisation.

Methods manage engagements in accordance with industry best practice standards and frameworks and meet NCSC requirements for certified professional cyber services companies. Methods provide services for Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) customers across Government and the wider public and private sector. Engaging and working closely with our clients to ensure the services we provide have been correctly scoped, planned and delivered securely, with our customers interests and needs at the forefront of our thinking.

Our experienced team of certified consultants hold a range of industry recognised certifications including (but not limited to) ChCSP, NCSC CCP, CISSP, CCSP, CISM, CRISC, SSCP, CEHs, Qualys, CIPR, AWS, Azure, TOGAF, SABSA, COBIT, ITIL, Agile & Prince2 etc.

Methods is a member of the Chartered Institute of Information Security (CIIsec), UK Security Council, Cloud Security Alliance (CSA), CCM (Cloud Control Matrix), Centre for Information Security (CIS) and NCSC Cyber Security Information Sharing Partnership (CISP).

- Our industry qualified and proficient experts, provide the following confidence and benefits to our clients:
- Provide confidence and assurance to the client of the knowledge and skills of the consultant.
  - Ensuring the credibility of the service being provided to the client.
  - Guarantee the commitment to professional standards (Council’s code of conduct, practice, and ethics) that Cyber Security consultant adhere to and maintain.
  - Ensuring an ongoing commitment to continuous professional development to ensure expertise and competence evolves, is up to date and relevant.
  - Confidence the consultant belongs to an elite network of respected and prestigious cyber security specialists.
  - Providing the experience and expertise of the specialism of cyber security to the nationally recognised standard of competence.

Our methodology and approach are agile, which is designed to integrate seamlessly into the organisation, complementing and innovating the current working practices. Whether the organisation is looking for ad-hoc support, or a long-term partner, our team of professional, verified and approved by NCSC Cyber Security and UK Cyber Security Council, our experts, with the ability to help identify and implement best and most viable solutions. Aligned with NIST, NCSC, OWASP, and MOD Secure by Design & DEFSTAN 05-138 for dynamic security solutions.

One of our core tenets is collaboration, which defines how our expert team works collaboratively with the client. We adopt the principles of openness and knowledge transfer to empower the people and build impressive, sustainable governance around complex multi-cloud solutions. We work closely with the key stakeholders and programme teams to devise a bespoke solution that meets the demands of the business processes, strategic business objectives and regulatory requirements. Our consultants have a strong background in both public and private sectors and will quickly adapt to the environment, providing specialist expertise to design, innovative risk-based solutions that meet your specific business needs and outcomes.

We at Methods, provide pragmatic and proportionate risk-based guidance as trusted consultants covering compliance, architecture and design assurance; system accreditation across MOD DefCon standards. Our experienced consultants have proficiency working on a variety of Government projects with different divisions including critical national infrastructure (CNI), defence, policing, justice, education, healthcare, border control, central government, local authorities and government digital services.

In line with HMG requirements, Methods is certified to Cyber Essentials Plus, ISO/IEC 27001, ISO 27017 and ISO 9001 standards, we can provide customers with robust, consistent assurance in our quality processes and the protection of our systems and customer-related data. We adopt certified frameworks for HMG where data is classified OFFICIAL through to SECRET and above. Methods has a large pool of SC and DV cleared UK personnel and has experience of designing, building and maintaining governance and security to deliver service offerings at OFFICIAL, SECRET and ABOVE SECRET classifications.

Contact details

## What it can do for you

Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy who has been assured to NCSC standards, with Chartered Cyber Security Professionals, demonstrating to our clients that the Certified Consultant, has been awarded the status which he is committed to maintaining the knowledge, skills and competence required to meet the cybersecurity challenges and technological needs in the digital world. Working towards providing expert, specialist guidance to organisations managing their cyber security risks and ensuring best practice is adopted for the effective protection of an organisations critical assets.

We adopt NCSC and industry guidance, principles and best practice for the implementation of applicable security measures, supporting organisations reduce the likelihood of cyber-attacks; understanding emerging threats, assess vulnerabilities to minimise the impact when incidents do occur and improve security posture of the IT ecosystem.



## Service Features

1. Support/advice aligned to NCSC/UK-Security Council, NIST and CPNI guidelines
2. Cyber Security services for specific or full organisational tasks
3. Cyber Security posture assessment and support with remediation requirements
4. Establish and maintain Risk Management Accreditation Document Sets (RMADS)
5. Publish and deploy Policies, Standards and Procedures
6. Support and manage Risk/Incident Management and Crisis Events
7. Conduct supplier assurance activities
8. Technical and vulnerability assessments, scoping and scheduling penetration tests
9. Recommend vendor agnostic services and technology to meet requirements
10. Impartial, straightforward & pragmatic best practice advice

## Service Benefits

1. Pragmatic and cost-effective support, ensuring maximum return on investment
2. Provide independent oversight and validation of Cyber Security posture
3. Effectively managing Data Breaches and/or Security Incidents
4. Enabling your business to make informed, risk-based decisions
5. Enabling you to create Security Business Cases
6. Access to technical skills and resources, allowing continuous improvement
7. RMADS process and engage with Accreditors, to ascertain Accreditation
8. Reduce costs through adopting appropriate Cyber Security measures
9. Proactive security measures save on downtime and business impact
10. Experienced in Public Sector risk & security delivery initiatives

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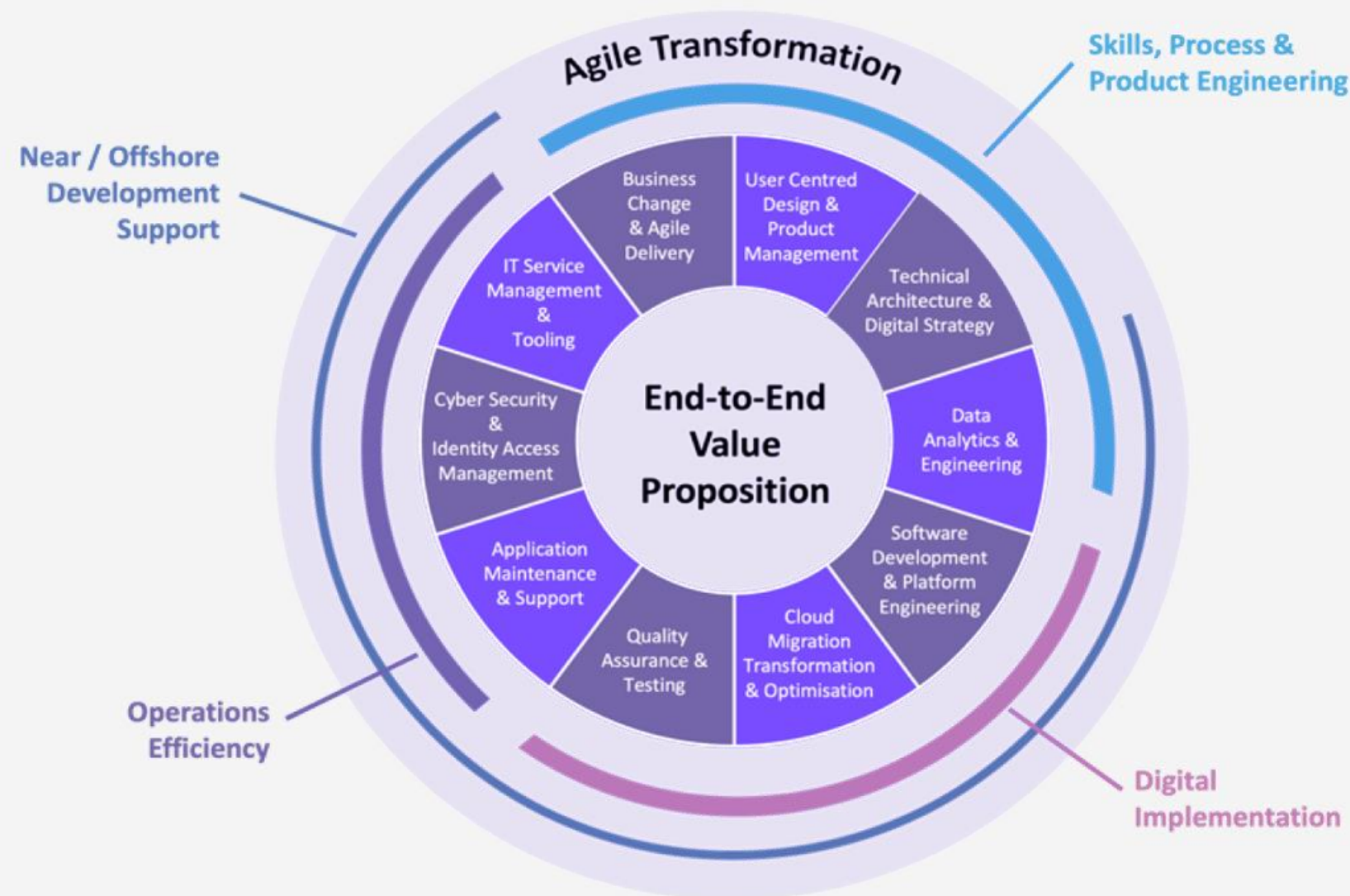
# End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

Applying our skills in innovation and collaboration from across the Methods Group, to deliver end-to-end business and technical solutions that are people-centred, safe, and designed for the future.

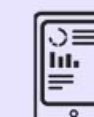
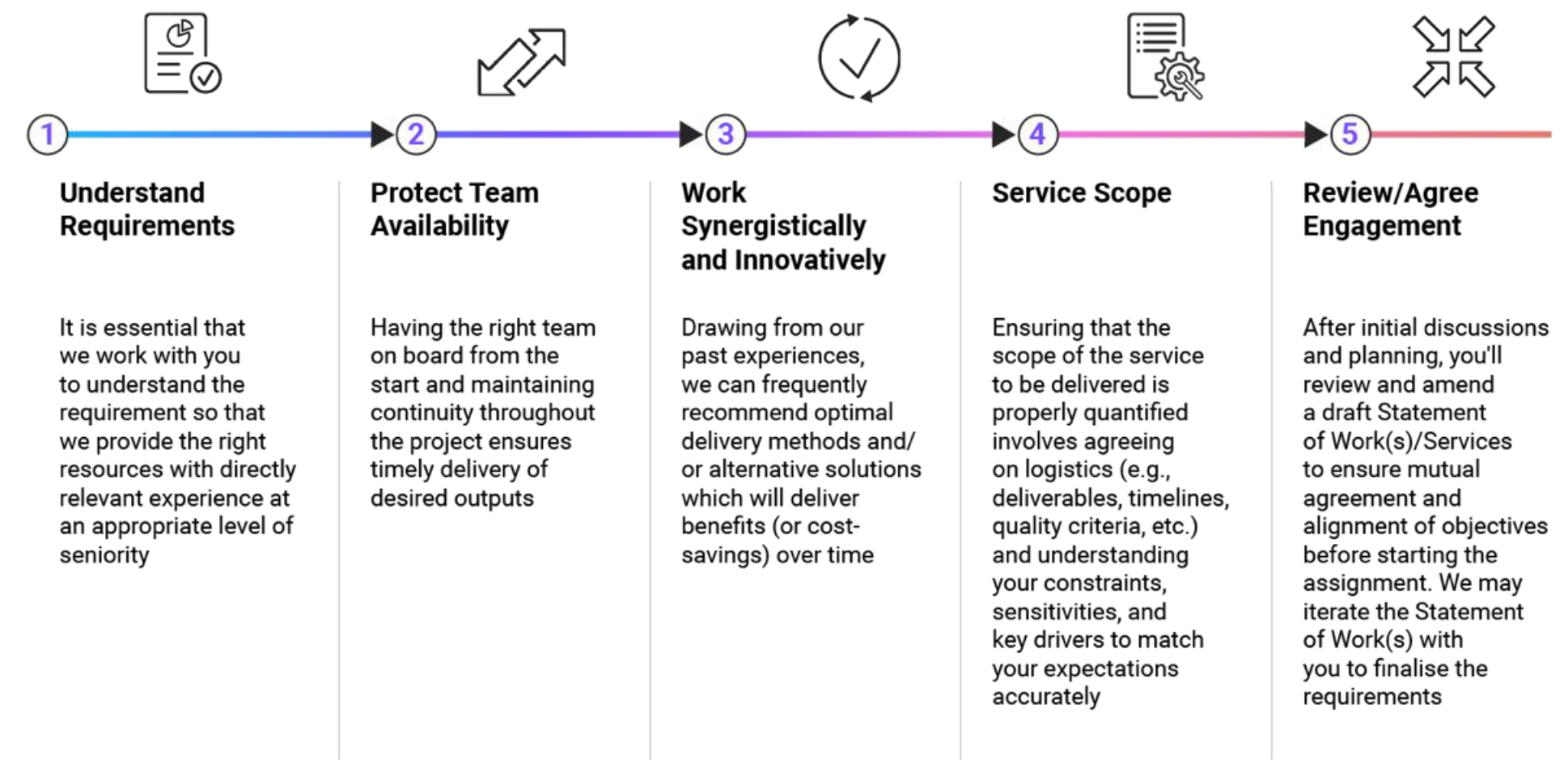
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

With a focus on driving interoperability and innovation in UK Central Government, we have helped multiple organisations in the sector modernise their IT architecture, systems, strategy, and operating models to improve organisational resilience and service delivery.

Methods deliver wide-ranging services and thought leadership to support delivery including:



## Onboarding and offboarding process



### Ordering and Invoicing

Once we have agreed a Statement of Work(s) we will sign the appropriate agreement and complete a Call Off contract with an attached Statement of Work(s), and submission of a Purchase Order. We will then set up a mutually acceptable start date and commence work.

Payment terms are 30 days or less as may be agreed.

Please note - we are unable to accept Government Procurement Card (GPC) payments.



### Customer Responsibilities

For any given requirement, we will identify any dependencies on the customer (e.g. access to key stakeholders, facilities, documentation, etc.) and agree these at the start of the work.



# Making a difference

The work we do each day is focused on delivering a positive difference for the public sector for the benefit of society as a whole.



# Customer stories



Stopped a Central Government high-severity Cyber threat in its tracks with a Threat Management solution that continuously monitors the security posture and responds to active cyber security incidents and vulnerabilities fast



Simplified 230+ service offerings with no disruption to live service to deliver service management maturity that was standardised to be more efficient, and optimised to reduce cost at a critical time for HMCTS



Put nature at the heart of government decision-making using digital and AI innovation to explore 21 natural capital ecosystem assessments with Defra



Reduced service costs by 60% through the design and transition of Robotic Process Automation of 1.2M service billing transactions per month at NOS Telecoms Cabinet Office



Enabled the delivery of 4.7M care and food supplies to people who were at the highest risk from COVID-19 through the development, delivery, and maintenance of the Shielding Vulnerable People service at the Cabinet Office



Increased speed and traceability of annual education funding allocations by transforming the Funding Service at ESFA in the DFE