

# G-Cloud 14 Service Description

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Methods' NCSC consulting, provides NCSC assured experts that support organisations to achieve a high level of assurance. Our Consultants are experts in ISO standards, Secure by Design, GovAssure, Supply Chain Resilience, NIST, Azure, AWS, Data-Science, SecArc and, AI. We provide customers with the latest robust, pragmatic, consistent and secure solutions.

### What is the Service

Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy, demonstrating a proven track record of delivering cyber security consultancy expertise, undertaken by industry qualified and proficient experts, as defined by NCSC and the UK Cyber Security Council.

Methods manage engagements in accordance with industry best practice, that meet NCSC requirements for certified professional cyber services companies, complying with a code of conduct, and maintaining their cyber security expertise for CNI customers, Government and the wider public sector.

- Utilising our extensive industry experience and pragmatic approach, we help to establish and embed compliance frameworks and practices which enable clients to focus on their core business activities.
- Provide pragmatic and proportionate risk-based guidance as trusted consultants covering compliance, architecture and design assurance; system accreditation across Code of Connection (CoCo) and MOD DefCon standards.
- 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.

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. We understand that Cyber Security, Data Protection and Compliance challenges are different for every organisation in every industry.

Our methodology is agile and 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 can help identify and implement best-in-class solutions.

One of our core tenets is collaboration, which lays out how our team works 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 key stakeholders and programme teams to devise a bespoke solution that meets the demands of the business processes, strategic business objectives and regulatory requirements.

### What it can do for you

Engaging a NCSC Certified consultancy with CCP Lead Practitioners in Cyber Security & IA Architect, provides assured expert guidance to organisations managing their cyber security risks, breaking down the task of protecting the organisation into critical areas.

Methods can adapt to any compliance requirement, by developing and implementing the relevant security measures covered by NCSC, NIST, OWASP, etc. We assist organisations reduce overhead by utilising our broad experience to estimate and reduce the likelihood of cyber-attacks and minimising the impact to the organisation when incidents do occur.

## Service Features

1. Support/advice aligned to NCSC, 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. Experienced in Public Sector risk & security delivery initiatives

## Contact details



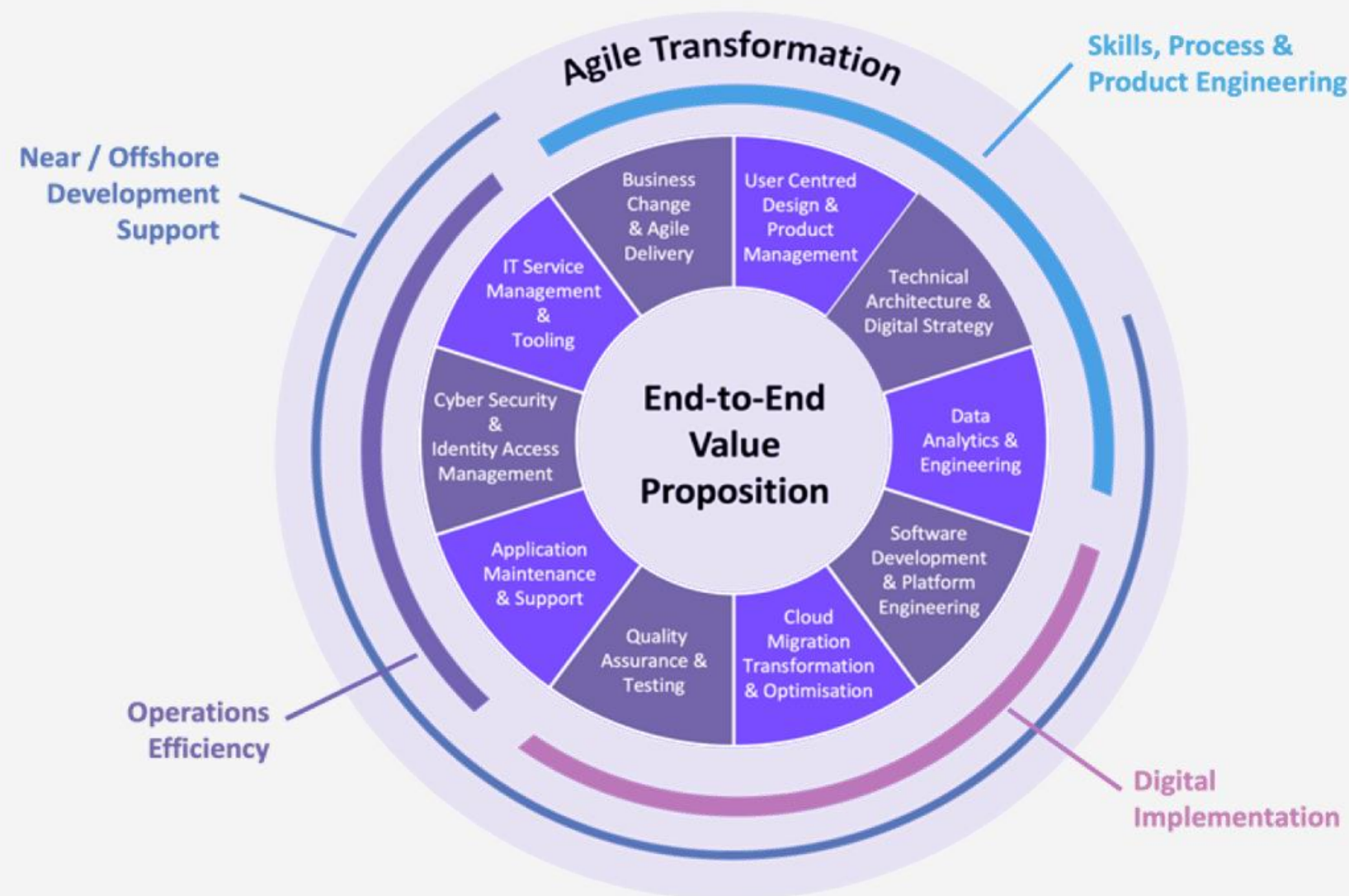
# End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

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.

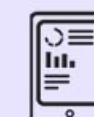
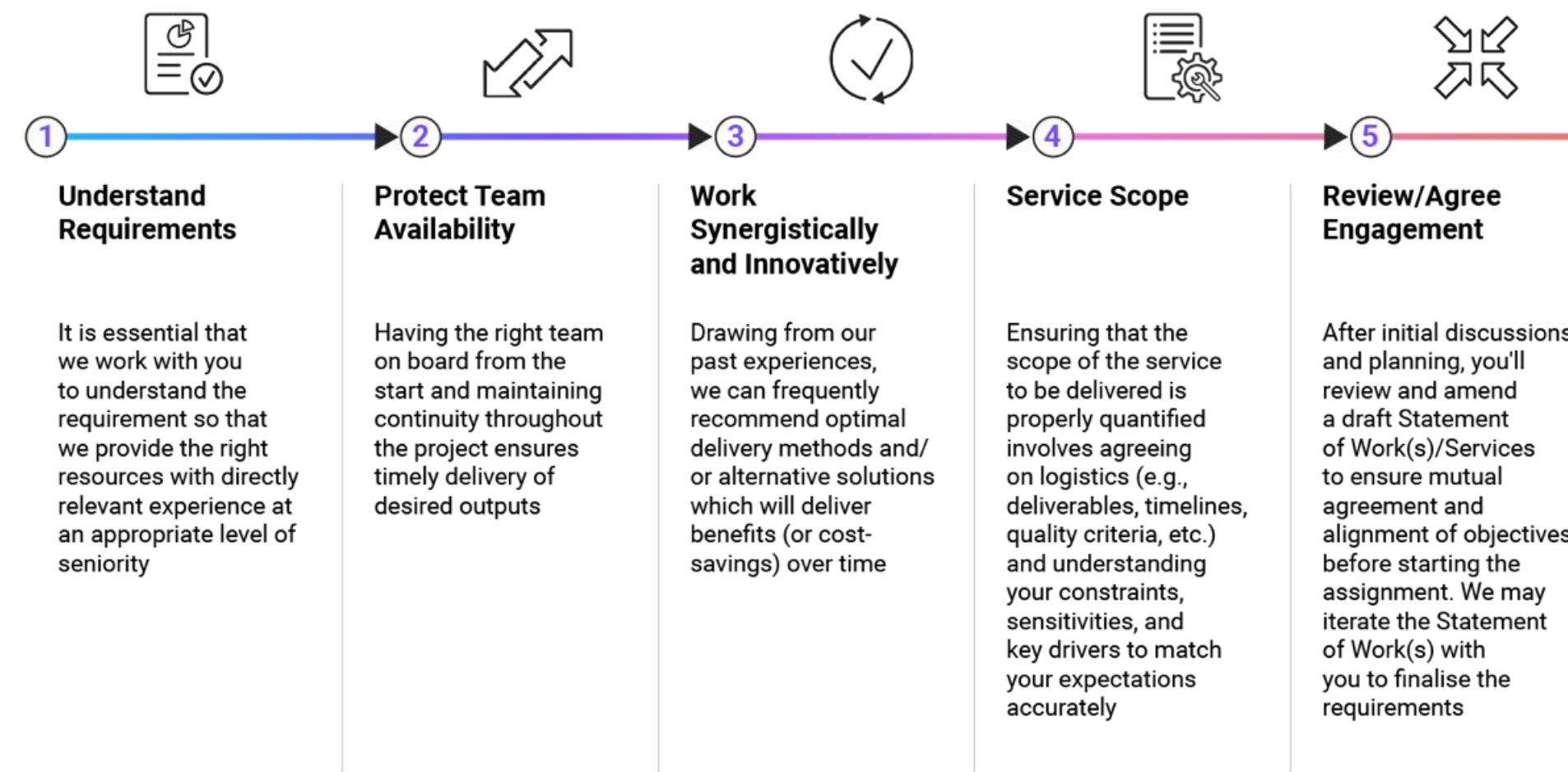
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

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