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Artificial Intelligence (AI) Readiness Assessment

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Service Overview

We conduct CDDO-aligned readiness assessments for public sector organisations deploying AI technologies (e.g., Microsoft Copilot, Azure Machine Learning, or AWS SageMaker). Our service evaluates data governance, technical infrastructure, and operational frameworks against UK standards (ATRS, ICO AI Toolkit) to ensure ethical, secure, and effective implementation.

What the Service Does

We assess the organisation's readiness for AI across key dimensions:

- **Strategy & Use Cases:** Alignment with organisational objectives and Digital & Data Strategy 2025
- **Data Readiness :** Assessment of quality, security, and cross-platform interoperability
- **Technology & Architecture :** Evaluation of cloud maturity (Azure/GCP/AWS), MLOps capability, and cloud platform integration readiness
- **Skills & Operations:** Capability mapping for DCMS AI & Data Science Accreditation Framework
- **Governance & Ethics:** Compliance with Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard (ATRS) and NHS AI Lab ethics guidelines
- **Delivery Preparedness:** Scaling pathway analysis from pilot to production using *GDS Service Standard*

The assessment identifies gaps, dependencies, and constraints that may prevent successful AI adoption.

How the Service Is Delivered

The service is typically delivered over **2–6 weeks**, depending on organisational size and scope, and includes:

Phase	Key Activities
Discovery	Stakeholder interviews + document review (e.g., existing DPIA/DPA) Crown Commercial Service (CCS) objective alignment
Assessment	Workshops scoring against NCSC AI Security Principles. NHS DTAC framework applied for health clients
Validation	Gap analysis with senior leaders (focus: ICO AI risk tiers)
Road mapping	Prioritised actions with CCS procurement mapping

Outputs

- **Compliance-Ready Report:** Maturity scores across dimensions + ATRS pre-assessment
- **Risk Mitigation Pack:** UK GDPR Article 35 DPIA templates, NCSC threat model outline
- **Prioritised Roadmap:** Quick wins (e.g., "Deploy Purview Data Map within 8 weeks") and blocker removal
- **Procurement Guidance:** G-Cloud Lot 4 supplier selection criteria for AI services. All outputs are written for non-technical and senior stakeholders.

Benefits

- Reduced implementation risk by pre-resolving common failure points identified in NAO public sector AI reviews
- Faster deployment by pre-resolving common failure points
- Cost avoidance through pre-emptive compliance with ICO/NHS regulations
- Zero-friction scaling from pilots to production (GDS Beta standard alignment)
- Enhanced public trust via documented algorithmic transparency (ATRS compliance)

Who the Service Is For

Designed for UK public sector organisations at any stage of AI adoption:

Organisation Type	Typical Scenarios	Relevant Frameworks
Central government departments	Enterprise Copilot rollout, citizen service automation	CDDO, ATRS, GDS
Arm's length bodies	Data consolidation for ML, operational AI pilots	ICO AI Toolkit, DCMS
Local authorities	Resident service chatbots, planning/licensing automation	Local Digital Declaration, ATRS
NHS and health bodies	Clinical decision support, administrative AI	NHS DTAC, NHS AI Lab, MHRA
Blue-light organisations	Demand forecasting, resource optimisation	NCSC, Home Office standards

Appropriate for organisations at **exploring, piloting or scaling** AI adoption.

Service Scope & Boundaries

- **Assessment-focused:** This service covers readiness evaluation and recommendations
- **Implementation support:** Available as follow-on engagement upon request
- **Vendor-neutral recommendations:** Technology-agnostic by default; platform-specific guidance (e.g., Microsoft, AWS) available if required

AI Readiness Assessment Deliverables

Engagement duration: 10–30 consulting days over 8 weeks (dependent on data volume, complexity, and organisational size)

We undertake a comprehensive data readiness assessment using Active Directory, SharePoint, and data governance specialists. The assessment covers:

Ref.	Deliverables	Description
D01	Access Rights Review	Document user access rights to data sources; implement "least privilege" access model to prevent over-exposed data assets
D02	Data Scope Validation	Assess whether in-scope data sources are representative and aligned with AI use case requirements
D03	Security & Compliance Assessment	Review data security posture and regulatory compliance; establish data quality metrics for ongoing monitoring
D04	Data Naming Standards Review	Evaluate file naming conventions — critical for AI textual analysis and retrieval accuracy
D05	Duplication & Quality Analysis	Identify duplicate, outlier, and irrelevant data; provide remediation recommendations
D06	Classification & Governance Review	Assess data labelling and classification practices; recommend governance policies including ethical AI use guidelines

Additional Engagement Elements:

- Stakeholder Education: Training on AI capabilities, limitations, and data management best practices
- Change Management: Adoption strategy supporting organisational transition to AI-integrated operations

Acceptance: All deliverables validated jointly by our account manager and customer project management.

Pricing Information

Pricing depends upon the detailed technical solution required that matches your assessment requirements and the size and complexity of your current data.

Your assessment is delivered by an APPtechnology AI data consultant, priced at the initiate / influence client interface SIFA level of £1,100 per day for offsite consultancy, £1,250 for onsite consultancy requirements.

	Strategy and Architecture	Business Change	Solution Development and Implementation	Service Management	Procurement and Management Support	Client Interface
1. Follow	£450	£450	£450	£400	£450	£450
2. Assist	£600	£600	£600	£550	£600	£600
3. Apply	£725	£725	£725	£675	£725	£725
4. Enable	£800	£800	£800	£725	£800	£800
5. Ensure/Advise	£950	£950	£950	£800	£950	£1150
6. Initiate/Influence	£1100	£1100	£1100	£900	£1100	£1100
7. Set Strategy and Inspire	£1250	£1250	£1250	£1000	£1250	£1250

Exit Costs

Provided that the services terminate at the end of an agreed term, in line with the terms and conditions, there are no specific exit costs.

Invoicing

Monthly in Staged invoices based on Statement of Work Delivery.

Monthly in arrears for each agreed SoW phase.

Contact Details

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About APPtechnology

APPtechnology is a leader in digital transformation services, covering project and BAU delivery for large organisations in the UK, Europe and Globally.

We supply flexible teams specialising in Modern Workspace delivery, covering Endpoint Management, Security, Data protection, End User Experience management and technology migrations. We also provide and support delivery of technology solutions covering Legacy application management, and Compliance automation for NIS, ISO, CIMA, DORA and HIPPA Frameworks.



Entirely managed from the UK, we bring experienced governance to all statement of work based delivery, incorporating measurable performance metrics and results analysis in our regular reporting. Where qualified resource supply only is requested we provide models for inside and outside of IR35 payroll, as appropriate to the role and delivery method.

We supply G-Cloud services to the largest (96,000 users) and the smallest local and central government departments and NHS accounts.

