

# Defence Programme Critical Friend and Technical Deliverability Review

## Service definition



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# Company overview

We're driven by technology and innovation, and by their ability to create meaningful change for organisations and the communities they serve. As a proudly independent and employee-owned consultancy, we bring together a diverse, highly skilled team who thrive on tackling complex challenges, working closely with our clients to deliver solutions that make a real difference.

We partner with organisations across multiple sectors, using data, AI and digital to help turn ambition into outcomes. Our work is recognised by leading industry bodies, reflecting our consistent focus on delivering clear, customer-centred results that stand up in the real world.

## How we do it

With over 25 years of experience delivering digital transformation, Answer Digital supports organisations through complex change, with deep expertise in cloud-led delivery. We work in close partnership with our clients to innovate responsibly, embed best practice, and deliver outcomes that last.

Every engagement is different, so we build teams around the challenge, not a fixed model. We start by understanding the vision, the users, and the outcome that really matters. From there, we design solutions that fit your technology landscape, tools, roadmap and people.

Collaboration sits at the heart of how we work. We establish ways of working that are sustainable for teams, processes and practice, then iteratively design, build and test together. We continuously learn, refine and evolve, keeping a clear focus on delivering the right outcome, not just shipping technology.

# Defence Programme Critical Friend and Technical Deliverability Review

## Service description

Rapid, independent technical advisory and 'critical friend' assurance for major Defence and security programmes. Assesses architecture deliverability, identifies opportunities for simplification and refactoring, and highlights paths to operational value earlier. We help SROs and Programme Directors de-risk technical elements, realign stalled initiatives and ensure technical strategies are viable and effective.

## Features

- Rapid 'Tiger Team' technical health checks and deliverability assessments
- Architecture review focused on simplification and removing unnecessary complexity
- Identification of opportunities to refactor roadmaps for earlier value release
- Deep dive analysis of high risk technical components and interfaces
- Assessment of alignment with Secure by Design and JSP standards
- Evaluation of supplier technical proposals and engineering capability
- Feasibility reviews of cloud migration and interoperability plans
- Identification of technical debt and legacy integration blockers
- Pragmatic recovery planning for distressed or stalled digital programmes
- Review of agile governance and technical decision making velocity

## **Benefits**

- Accelerates delivery by identifying and removing architectural bottlenecks
- Provides SROs with independent, unvarnished truth regarding technical status
- Reduces programme risk through early identification of failure points
- Optimises Value for Money by preventing over engineering and gold plating
- Shifts focus from documentation to working software and early capability
- Unblocks technical deadlocks between internal teams and suppliers
- Ensures technical decisions are driven by operational user needs
- Prevents accumulation of toxic technical debt in early phases
- Facilitates evidence based decisions on 'build vs buy' options
- Validates that technical roadmaps are realistic and achievable

# Pricing

Answer Digital services are available for procurement through either Fixed Price or Time & Materials arrangements. Please refer to our Pricing Document and Rate Card for further details.

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