

Service Definition

Architecture as a Service

Overview of VIQU IT

VIQU IT is a UK-based digital and technology consultancy providing flexible access to experienced cloud, solution and enterprise architects.

We partner with public-sector organisations to design, assure and deliver scalable digital and cloud architectures that align to government standards and GDS / DDaT role definitions, enabling transformation while strengthening long-term capability and improving outcomes.

Service Summary

VIQU IT provides access to experienced architects across enterprise, solution, technical and cloud domains.

We help organisations design, govern and deliver technology solutions aligned to GDS, NCSC and Technology Code of Practice standards - ensuring secure, sustainable and cost-effective digital transformation.

Service Overview

Architecture as a Service provides public-sector organisations with flexible access to architectural expertise across enterprise, solution, technical, data, security and cloud disciplines.

Our consultants can operate embedded within client teams, in close collaboration with existing delivery partners, or as a standalone architectural capability, depending on the needs of the engagement.

We design and assure architectures that support digital transformation, modernisation and operational efficiency, aligned to the GDS Service Manual, Technology Code of Practice and NCSC Cloud Security Principles.

All architectural decisions are traceable, proportionately governed and value-focused, supporting improved delivery outcomes and strong strategic alignment across the organisation.



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Service Scope

- Enterprise, solution, technical, and cloud architecture design and assurance
- Business, data and integration architecture development
- Cloud strategy, target operating model and migration planning
- Alignment to GDS, NCSC and Technology Code of Practice standards
- Governance, design authority and assurance frameworks
- Architecture reviews, gap analysis and roadmaps
- Technical debt assessment and remediation planning
- Vendor evaluation and options analysis
- Design and transition support for new services
- Knowledge transfer and mentoring for in-house teams

Service Features

- Alignment with GDS and NCSC architectural standards
- Certified enterprise and cloud architects (TOGAF, AWS, Azure, BCS)
- Full architecture coverage - enterprise, solution, data, security, technical
- Governance and design assurance frameworks
- Target operating model and roadmap development
- Options analysis and vendor evaluation
- Security-cleared consultants (BPSS / SC / DV)
- Flexible commercials (Time & Materials or SoW / Outcomes based)
- Knowledge transfer to build internal capability



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- Collaboration with client and supplier teams

Service Benefits

- Improved governance and architectural consistency
- Secure, scalable and standards-aligned design
- Accelerated transformation and delivery outcomes
- Clearer technology strategy and direction
- Reduced risk and technical debt
- Strengthened internal architecture capability
- Cost-effective access to experienced architects
- Rapid mobilisation of cleared specialists
- Informed decision-making through traceable design
- Sustainable, long-term architectural maturity

Onboarding and Offboarding

During onboarding, VIQU IT agrees architecture scope, governance model, and key design principles as part of a short initiation and discovery activity.

At offboarding, we provide full documentation, artefacts and knowledge-transfer sessions to ensure continued architectural alignment and delivery continuity.

Credentials

- Cyber Essentials Certified – baseline government security compliance.
- ICO Registered – GDPR and data-handling compliance.
- Consultants hold relevant certifications (e.g. TOGAF, BCS, AWS, Azure).



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- Methods aligned to GDS and NCSC architecture principles.

Service Delivery Locations

Consultants are based across the UK and available for remote, hybrid or on-site delivery as required.

All consultants are eligible for public-sector security clearance (BPSS, SC, DV).

Delivery Model

Services delivered flexibly to meet organisational and project needs.

Engagements can be Time & Materials or Statement of Work / Outcomes based or hybrid model, agreed by scope and buyer preference.

This approach ensures agility, scalability and value for money while maintaining governance and assurance alignment.

Service Constraints

Delivery is typically remote or hybrid, with on-site attendance by agreement.

Where clearance (BPSS, SC, DV) is required, onboarding aligns to vetting timelines.

Access to client environments or security tooling may be required.

Delivery follows the organisation's security governance and change-control processes.

Engagements are Time & Materials or Statement of Work / Outcomes based.

Support Model

Support provided via email, phone and online communication during standard business hours (Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm).

Clients receive updates and responses through their account manager or lead consultant.

Users cannot directly manage or reprioritise tickets via a portal.



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