

Cloud readiness & strategy assessment service

Service overview

The Cloud Readiness & Strategy Assessment Service helps public sector organisations understand their readiness for cloud adoption and define a clear, evidence-based cloud strategy. The service focuses on enabling informed senior decision-making by assessing current capabilities, risks and constraints, and by setting out practical options and a prioritised roadmap aligned to organisational objectives and public sector requirements.

The service is suitable for organisations at any stage of cloud maturity that require clarity before committing to migration or transformation activity.

Scope of the service

drie works with customers to assess organisational, technical and operational readiness for cloud adoption. The service is advisory in nature and focuses on analysis and strategy definition rather than implementation.

Depending on requirements, the service may include:

- Assessment of current infrastructure, applications and data
- Review of skills, operating model and governance arrangements
- Cloud maturity and capability analysis
- Identification of risks, gaps and constraints
- Definition of target cloud architectures and deployment models
- Evaluation of public, private and hybrid cloud options
- Development of a prioritised cloud roadmap and recommendations

All activities are agreed in advance to ensure clarity of scope, cost and outcomes.

Delivery approach

Delivery follows established public sector digital delivery practices, aligned to the GDS Service Manual. Work is structured and time-boxed to provide clear outputs and decision points. The service is typically delivered through structured discovery activities, stakeholder interviews and technical review. Delivery is primarily remote, with on-site engagement available by agreement. The service is usually delivered on a fixed-price basis. Regular checkpoints are used to validate findings and ensure alignment with organisational priorities.

Security, governance & assurance

Security and governance considerations are embedded throughout the assessment. This includes review of data protection requirements, security controls, access management and regulatory obligations.

The service supports alignment with UK regulatory requirements, including UK GDPR, and organisational assurance processes. Recommendations are evidence-based and documented to support audit and scrutiny. The service does not provide formal certification or regulatory approval.

Customer responsibilities

The customer is responsible for providing access to relevant documentation, systems and stakeholders, and for confirming organisational priorities and constraints. The customer retains ownership of strategic decisions, data and service outcomes.

Active engagement from senior stakeholders is required to ensure findings and recommendations are accurate and actionable.

Service outputs

Outputs are agreed as part of the service scope and may include an assessment report, capability and gap analysis, target architecture options, risk considerations and a prioritised cloud roadmap. Outputs are designed to support senior decision-making and subsequent delivery activity.

Exit and handover

At the end of the engagement, drie provides documented findings and recommendations and presents them to relevant stakeholders. Knowledge transfer ensures the organisation is equipped to proceed with procurement, migration or transformation activity. Any subsequent delivery services are subject to a separate agreement.

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