


CLARITY

Cloud Architecture Assurance

Service Description, Features & Benefits

Your cloud architecture, independently assured, and signed-off

Key deliverable artefacts: assurance criteria; review findings; risk register; prioritised recommendations; governance sign-off pack and remediation tracker.

Features

1. Assurance criteria and evidence checklist agreed up front
2. Architecture review findings with severity and rationale
3. Risk register and constraint/dependency assessment
4. Non-functional requirements validation (security, resilience, performance)
5. Prioritised recommendations and remediation actions
6. Governance sign-off pack for design decisions
7. Remediation tracker with owners and closure status
8. Design authority checkpoints and review cadence
9. Assurance reporting for boards and stakeholders
10. Lessons learned and handover to delivery teams

Benefits

1. Clear evidence base through assurance criteria and checklist
2. Earlier risk visibility via findings and risk register
3. Faster governance decisions using the sign-off pack
4. Reduced rework through prioritised recommendations
5. Clear ownership via remediation tracker to closure
6. Improved resilience via validated non-functional requirements
7. Improved security posture via security-by-design validation
8. Reduced delivery surprises through design authority checkpoints
9. Better auditability through structured assurance reporting
10. Smoother handover to delivery teams with documented actions



Service Constraints & Support



Constraints

Consultancy engagement delivered to an agreed scope and timetable. Delivery requires timely access to relevant stakeholders and information. Ongoing managed support is not included unless separately contracted.

Support

During the engagement, users contact the named delivery lead via agreed channels (meetings and email). Queries and actions are recorded in the action log/RAID (as appropriate) and reviewed at the agreed governance cadence, with escalations managed by the delivery lead. Email/online ticketing, phone and web chat are not provided as standard. Post-engagement support can be agreed separately.

Support Availability

Support is provided during agreed working hours by the named delivery lead. Queries and actions are managed through the agreed governance cadence (meetings, action log/RAID as appropriate). Email/online ticketing, phone and web chat support are not provided as standard. Post-engagement support can be agreed separately.



Service Planning, Setup & QA



Planning

We plan assurance by agreeing scope and review criteria, baselining current architecture and constraints, assessing alignment to cloud principles and standards, and defining assurance checkpoints. Outputs include findings, prioritised recommendations, risk treatments and decision-ready artefacts.

Setup

Where required, we support implementation by setting up design authority/architecture governance, translating recommendations into a delivery backlog, and providing assurance checkpoints across design and delivery stages to reduce rework.

Quality Assurance

QA is delivered as independent assurance checkpoints. We validate designs against principles, non-functional requirements and operational needs, and provide clear actions and sign-off recommendations to governance.

We agree review criteria; inspect artefacts (principles, models, NFRs, controls); run structured reviews; log findings with severity and actions; track remediation; and provide a final assurance statement and handover.



Service Training and Social Value



Training

Workshops upskill teams on cloud principles, architecture standards, governance routines and producing auditable architecture artefacts. Includes templates and examples aligned to the buyer's delivery approach.

Social Value

We align delivery to PPN 06/20 Social Value themes. We minimise travel through remote-first delivery where appropriate, transfer skills through joint working and reusable templates, design inclusive training and communications, and support wellbeing through clear ways of working and manageable delivery cadences.



Case Study: Nottingham University Hospitals

Summary

NUH needed independent architecture assurance and decision support across multiple large-scale digital transformations.

Problem

Legacy processes and inconsistent change and design governance increased delivery risk and reduced confidence in board-level decisions.

Approach

We completed an architecture baseline and assessment, ran risk reviews and mitigations, supported UAT readiness planning, and provided assurance reporting through governance to support go/no-go decisions and delivery confidence.

Outcomes

- Stronger assurance for board decision-making
- Reduced system implementation risk
- More consistent delivery governance and controls
- Increased readiness for benefits realisation

Indicative metrics to evidence: reduction in high-severity risks; milestone adherence; UAT pass rate and defect leakage reduction.

Social Value

Indicative: capability uplift through knowledge transfer to clinical and operational teams; reduced travel via remote engagement where appropriate.

Relevance to this service

Demonstrates independent architecture baseline, risk assessment and assurance reporting to support governance decisions.



The Complex Challenges We Solve



Strategic Questions

- How could technology transform or disrupt our business?
- What digital strategy will deliver competitive advantage?
- How do we unlock value from data and AI initiatives?
- What capabilities will we need for the future?

Execution Challenges

- How do we rescue failing programmes worth millions?
- How can we deliver results faster without sacrificing quality?
- How do we ensure change sticks and benefits are realised?
- How do we integrate technology, people, and process seamlessly?

We tackle the problems that don't fit neatly in boxes, the ones that span people, process, data and technology. From strategy through execution to real outcomes.

Some of Our Clients



25+ Years of Evolution & Impact

2000: Founded

Bridging strategy and delivery from day one. Early showcase: flawless IT separation for global engineering firm—2,500 users, 165 sites, zero downtime.

2024: Differentis 2.0

Unified three firms into single brand.
ISO certified in AI Management.
Positioned as leading Intelligent Transformation consultancy for the next decade.



2010s: Expansion

Built Data & AI practice ahead of the curve. Developed proprietary Differentis Way methodology. Expanded from IT consultancy to full transformation partner.

Today: AI-Augmented

Human consultants paired with AI co-pilots. Delivering faster insights, smarter decisions, and measurable outcomes across healthcare, finance, higher education.



AI + Consultants = Amplified Results

We embrace AI as a co-worker, not a gimmick. Our consultants are paired with AI "personas" that handle data-heavy lifting and routine tasks—freeing our humans to focus on strategy, creativity, and innovation.



Pathfinder

Strategic options analyser evaluating multiple scenarios in minutes: comparative outcomes with assumptions and risks for informed decision-making.



Synth

Insight synthesis scours hundreds of documents, summarising findings with cited references: weeks of research compressed into an afternoon.



Operator

Process automation executing cross-system workflows via APIs: eliminating hours of manual work and providing real-time performance data.



Sentinel

Risk watchdog monitoring project metrics for potential issues: flagging scope creep and compliance gaps before they become problems.

The result? **Faster insights, smarter decisions, and solutions delivered at speed**, with AI and experts working in tandem under rigorous human oversight



Our Secret? Intelligent Transformation



Breaking down silos

One integrated team. No hand-offs where knowledge or intent is lost. Strategy translates to execution seamlessly.



Human + AI Integration

Real Intelligence from combined human expertise and machine efficiency. AI enhances every stage; with human judgment guiding ethical application.



Outcome-Focused Delivery

Not just plans or systems, but measurable business results. We own accountability end-to-end, adapting as needed to ensure promised outcomes are achieved.

Intelligent Transformation isn't a buzzword. It's the natural evolution of 25 years solving complex problems. It's how we ensure transformations don't just succeed, but keep yielding value into the future

