

Supplier Assurance

NCC Group helps its clients determine the effectiveness of their suppliers' security controls and gain independent assurance of the resilience of supplier information and operational systems. We support our clients to minimise reputational damage as well as, financial and regulatory fines resulting from poor security controls in their supply chain.

Management of supply chain risks

NCC Group adopts an integrated and risk-based approach covering all aspects of supply chain risk management from discovery, triage and categorisation, contracts review, assessment, issues and risk reporting, and remediation. NCC Group's highly experienced consultants provide focused risk reports with recommendations and actions to manage and mitigate supplier risks.

Compliance support

NCC Group's integrated supplier assurance framework supports a wide range of compliance requirements including, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), ISO27001:2013, NIST CSF, Cyber Security Alliance, NCSC and ISO Cloud Security Frameworks.

Automation of supply chain

Many organisations manage hundreds or even thousands of suppliers as part of their supply chain and this can introduce high complexity, significant effort and cost for the organisation. To alleviate this NCC Group has developed a Supplier Assurance Portal that automates supply chain assessment, significantly increasing efficiency and reducing costs.

Cyber and operational resilience

NCC Group's supplier assurance framework evaluates suppliers' resilience from cyber and operational contexts including business continuity and disaster recovery planning, incident management and response, security SLAs and recovery of business operations.

Value

NCC Group's supply chain offering has been built around the management and mitigation of supply chain risks. The supplier assurance objective is to prevent, reduce and limit losses to organisations that may result from lack of compliance with regulatory and legal requirements, security breaches and weak operational resilience.

Benefits

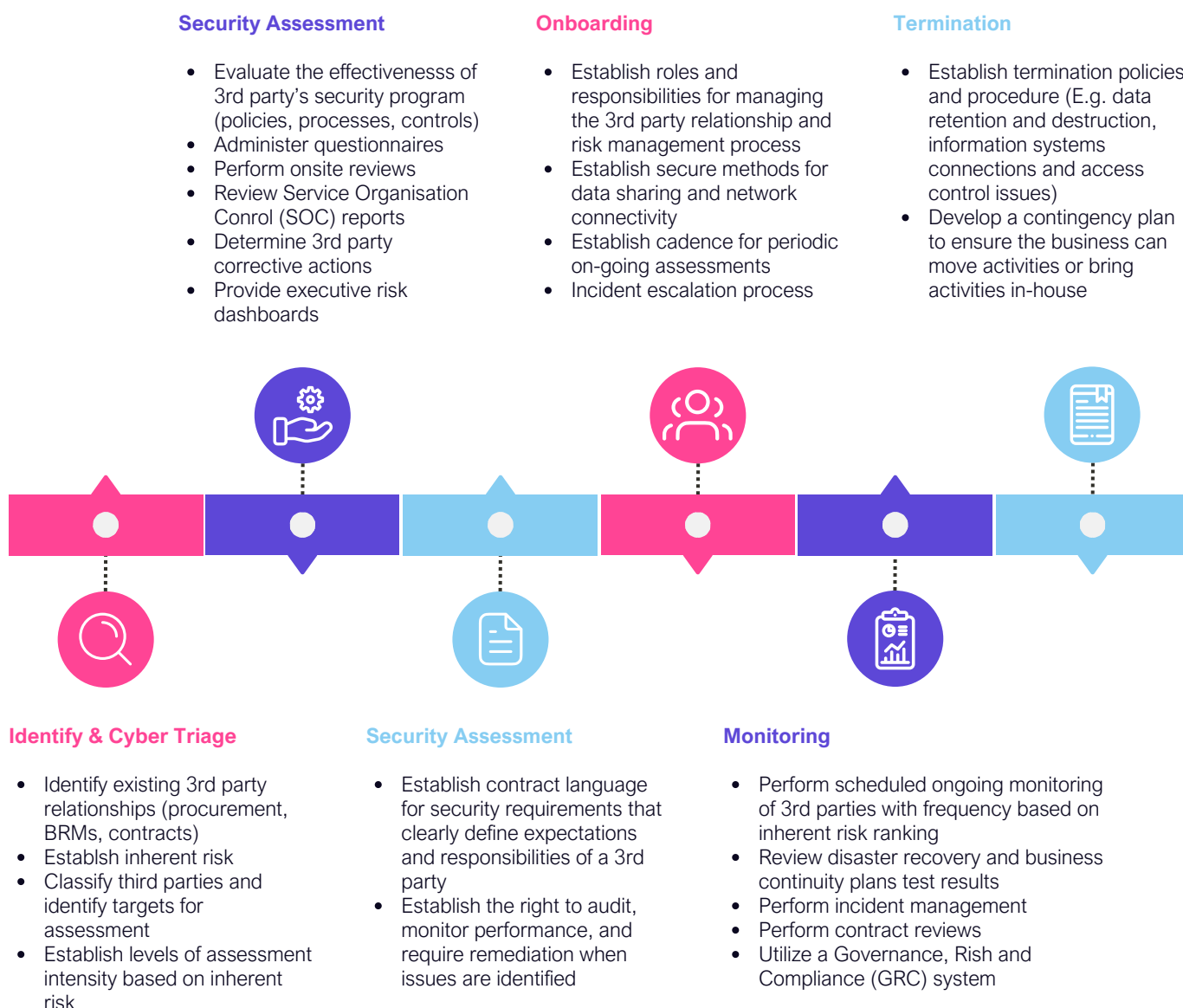
- Enables the management of supply chain risks
- Supports compliance with GDPR, and security best practices
- Automates the management and treatment of risks
- Improves cyber and operational resilience
- Limits financial loss, reputation and regulatory damage.



NCC Group's third-party supplier assurance offering is a lightweight and repeatable service. It follows a proven methodology that can align with a framework most suited to the client (e.g. ISO27001, NIST, CSA, NCSC, etc.) and provides a comprehensive risk-based output, delivered in simple to understand reports or through an easy to use online supplier assessment portal.

NCC Group's supplier assurance service covers the following:

- **Supplier Discovery** – NCC Group's consultants work with clients' businesses and their supply chain to identify those suppliers that matter for cyber security and operational resilience.
- **Cyber Triage** – This determines the inherent risk and prioritisation of these suppliers for assessment. The triage is based on an evaluation criteria that takes business data and information, cyber security, operational resilience, financial and regulatory impacts into consideration.
- **Security Assessment** – This is based on frameworks such as ISO27001:2013, NIST CSF, CSA, or NCSC. It looks at the effectiveness of a supplier's security program including policies, processes and controls. It can be conducted onsite or remotely depending on risk profile of the supplier and client requirements. A risk-based report with recommendations and actions to remediate is produced.
- **Contract Assessment** – NCC Group's contract review assists organisations with security requirements contractual language and clauses for to clearly define expectations and responsibilities of suppliers e.g. right to audit, monitor performance, remediate security issues and report security incidents when they arise.
- **Supplier On-boarding** – This establishes the process and framework for on-boarding new suppliers, establishing roles and responsibilities for managing the third-party relationship and risk management process, and due diligence of the supplier's security posture. This architects and designs methods for data sharing and connectivity, and sets out parameters for periodic on-going assessments, along with incident management and escalation.
- **Monitoring** – This identifies an increase or decrease of cyber risk associated with suppliers on an ongoing basis Can cover the review of disaster recovery and business continuity plans test results, incident management and contract review. NCC Group web portal enables effective monitoring and governance of organisations supply chain.
- **Service Termination** – This aids smooth termination or transfer of suppliers' services through establishment of policies and procedures including data retention and destruction, information system connections and access control issues.



NCC Group's Supplier Assurance services help organisations to secure and strengthen the security and resilience of their supply chain, and focus their energy, effort and investment on those suppliers that are important to their business operation, compliance and continuity. NCC Group's approach is risk based and effective in that it is designed to enable organisations determine, manage and mitigate business, technology, regulatory and cyber risks

The benefits from the service include the following:

- Secure and protect your business supply chain
- Improve compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. E.g. GDPR, FCA, NIS.
- Maintain business reputation and brand image
- Strengthen shareholders value and customers' trust.

About NCC Group



NCC Group is a global expert in cyber security and risk mitigation, working with organisations to protect their brand, value and reputation against the ever-evolving threat landscape.

With our knowledge, experience and global footprint, we are well placed to help organisations identify, assess, mitigate and respond to the risks they face.

We are passionate about making the Internet safer and revolutionising the way in which organisations think about cyber security.





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