

NHS DSPT Support & Independent Audit

Service Definition – G-Cloud 15

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1. Service Overview

Comet Business Global Solutions Ltd provides comprehensive technical and governance support for the NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT).

As a mandatory standard for organisations accessing NHS patient data or systems, our service supports clients in achieving sustainable cyber resilience rather than tick-box compliance. We specialise in Category 2 (IT Suppliers) and Category 3 (Social Care and Independent Providers), supporting compliance with the 2025/26 Version 8 DSPT requirements, including independent audit.

2. 2025/26 Compliance Framework

Requirement Area	Service Alignment
NCSC CAF Alignment	Transition to Cyber Assessment Framework-based assurance
National Data Guardian Standards	Compliance with the 10 Data Security Standards
Mandatory Independent Audit	External verification of mandated DSPT assertions

3. Service Features

- DSPT Version 8 gap analysis against all mandatory assertions
- Independent audit and assurance delivered by accredited external auditors
- Technical evidence collection including logs, firewall rules, and patching records
- Development and review of mandatory policies, SyOPs, ROPA, and IAR documentation
- Implementation and audit of National Data Opt-Out policy and workflows
- Training Needs Analysis to achieve the 95% staff training compliance threshold
- Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery testing and walkthroughs
- SC Cleared advisory support for national health infrastructure environments

4. Key Deliverables

Deliverable	Outcome
DSPT Submission Roadmap	Prioritised plan to achieve Standards Met or Standards Exceeded
Independent Audit Report	Formal audit opinion with risk-rated findings

Remediation Plan	Clear actions to close gaps identified during assessment
Board Assurance Report	Executive briefing on DSPT compliance and cyber risk
Direct Submission Support	Guidance throughout the online DSPT submission process

5. Service Levels & Integration

Service Integration	Audit Timeline	Delivery Model
Can be combined with vDPO and vCISO services	Typically 10–15 business days depending on scope	Dedicated Project Lead assigned

6. Onboarding & Exit Strategy

Rapid onboarding enables project initiation within 5 working days of contract award, including mobilisation of the audit and evidence collection activities.

At contract end, all audit evidence, reports, and roadmap documentation are provided in structured, accessible formats, ensuring continued audit readiness for subsequent cycles.