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# Virtual Data Protection Officer (vDPO) Services

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## 1 OVERVIEW

Cyber Security Defence Consultants work with organisations to improve and enhance their cybersecurity thresholds.

Our teams work within complex and diverse environments to achieve strategic, operational and realistic outcomes, including ISO/IEC27001, Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus.

Over multiple consultancy contracts, we have developed and implemented information risk management processes that support our client's governance models and provide support to control specific target areas, improve processes and mitigate risk. This has increased security controls, reducing the organisation's risk appetite and cyber threats.

We engage experienced and qualified consultants who are up to date with all legislative practices to support organisations to manage risk effectively.

Our team holds qualifications including CISSP, CISM and ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Auditor and Lead Implementer.

Our cyber security consultancy engagement process aligns with the NCSC Certified Cyber Security Consultancy Standard, ensuring a high-quality client journey including agreed deliverables, transparent and regular reporting, defined escalation paths, suitably skilled and qualified resources and focused delivery.

## 2 SERVICES

### 2.1 Virtual Data Protection Officer (vDPO) Services

We can provide this service where a Virtual Data Protection Officer (vDPO) is required by organisations that do not have a specialist resource internally.

The provision can commence once Cyber Security Defence Consultants (CSDC) have completed an initial assessment or understand your business from the relationship that has been created, ensuring your organisation's data protection readiness.

UK GDPR requires organisations to have a DPO if specific criteria are met. Our vDPO service is designed to provide organisations with skilled, experienced, and qualified consultants to meet all DPA/GDPR requirements. We also offer a service to deal with subject access rights requests, ensuring that internal artefacts are present and updated with changing legislation.

Outsourcing this service gives businesses the confidence of certified consultants, allowing them to focus on achieving internal objectives whilst remaining compliant.

Our service provides:

1. **Attaining Full Compliance** – maintaining and monitoring compliance with data protection regulations by providing guidance, templates, and automated task workflows, e.g., data mapping, risk assessments, and breach notifications
2. **Relieves Internal Resource Burden** – providing an outreach service which can also include training and educational resources to bolster internal teams' understanding of all responsibilities regarding data protection and policy
3. Additional confidence to deal with subject rights request
4. **Policy and Procedure Management** – providing tools for creating, updating, and distributing data protection policies and procedures, ensuring consistent implementation across the organisation.
5. Vendor and third-party management – assisting in managing and assessing the data protection practices of vendors and third-party service providers, helping organisations ensure compliance throughout their entire supply chain.



6. **Reporting and Auditing** – vDPOs generate reports and provide audit trails to demonstrate compliance efforts and facilitate audits by data protection authorities.

The vDPO can automate and streamline many data protection tasks. The service is not a replacement for a designation DPO when one is required by law, and part of our service is to ensure that they are supported in their role to meet all data protection obligations more efficiently and effectively.