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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 CISO (vCISO)

Our vCISO service provides expert cybersecurity leadership for organisations that do not require a full-time CISO. We have highly experienced professionals who design and execute your organisation's security & risk strategy. The service is adapted to each organisation's needs and objectives, ensuring compliance with relevant standards and regulations.

The key attributes include:

1. **The Role:** Our vCISOs act as strategic advisors and consultants, guiding cybersecurity strategy, risk management, compliance, incident response, and security program development.
2. **Their Expertise:** our vCISOs are experienced cybersecurity professionals who have held CISO or equivalent roles in the past and have a broad range of knowledge and skills in information security.
3. **Flexibility:** we can engage a vCISO on a part-time or as-needed basis, which can be more cost-effective than hiring a full-time CISO, especially for small and medium-sized businesses.
4. **Objectivity:** our consultants can provide an objective and unbiased perspective on an organisation's security posture and challenges.
5. **Scalability:** our vCISOs can scale their services up or down based on the organisation's changing needs, providing additional resources or support as required.
6. **Industry-specific knowledge:** we specialise in specific industries or sectors (mainly public sectors and government bodies), offering tailored security expertise and knowledge of relevant regulations and compliance requirements.
7. **Mentoring:** our vCISOs can also serve as mentors for in-house security teams, providing guidance, training, and knowledge transfer to help develop internal capabilities.

We work with organisations to engage vCISOs to establish or mature their cybersecurity programs, ensure regulatory compliance, or provide strategic guidance during periods of transition or growth.