

M8 Solutions

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INTEGRITY



Embedded Cyber Security Leadership for the *NHS*

Cyber security leadership is now a patient safety issue, yet many NHS organisations still lack the strategic cyber leadership required to confidently manage today's threat landscape.

Strategic CISOaaS Delivered by M8 Solutions

Delivering board level cyber security assurance without the cost or complexity of a full time Chief Information Security Officer:

The NHS Cyber Security Leadership Challenge

- Increasing regulatory pressure (DSPT, CAF, NIS2)
- Limited internal cyber security leadership capacity
- Complex digital transformation programmes
- Rising threat landscape impacting patient safety
- Difficulty recruiting and retaining experienced NHS CISOs

M8 Solutions: A Smarter Model for Cyber Security Leadership

Without strong cyber security leadership, NHS organisations face increasing operational, regulatory and patient safety risk and for many organisations, recruiting and retaining an experienced NHS Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) remains difficult, costly, and time-consuming.

M8 Solutions' CISO-as-a-Service provides immediate access to senior, NHS-experienced cyber security leadership without the cost or complexity of a full-time appointment. We do not deliver theoretical cyber programmes from a distance. We work alongside NHS teams to deliver practical, achievable cyber resilience - we embed ourselves as a trusted extension of your leadership team, delivering clear, strategic direction aligned to the DSPT, the Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF), and NIS2. Our approach ensures cyber security is compliant, practical, proportionate, and achievable within the realities of busy healthcare environments.

We do not simply advise. We provide leadership that strengthens governance, reduces risk, and builds long-term cyber security resilience, giving the confidence and assurance needed to navigate an increasingly complex and evolving threat landscape.

Delivering Embedded Cyber Security Leadership & Strategic Guidance

- Embedded CISO leadership
- Strategic cyber security programme leadership
- Cyber security roadmap
- Cyber security architecture and technology strategy
- Cyber security operations strategy and oversight
- Support with major cyber security incidents and crisis management
- Procurement guidance for cyber security tooling and services
- Cyber security tabletop exercises and resilience testing
- Cyber security posture review and baseline assessment (Discovery).
- Alignment to DSPT and Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF), or NIS2 as required
- Policy and governance framework review & development
- Risk identification and management support*
- Support preparing for audits and assurance reviews
- Supplier and third-party risk advisory
- End user security awareness strategy guidance
- Prioritisation of cyber security investments
- Cyber Security Training and oversight
- Board-level cyber security briefings, reporting and advisory

Realising Strategic Outcomes and Measurable Assurance

- Enterprise-level cyber security leadership
- Board confidence and regulatory readiness
- Strong cyber security resilience across people, process, and technology
- Efficient use of available resources and public funds
- Clear understanding of current cyber security maturity
- Improved compliance with NHS standards
- Reduced operational cyber security risk
- Stronger cyber security governance and oversight
- Improved incident readiness
- Enabling Board Assurance Framework (BAF) completion
- Clear long-term cyber security strategy
- Clear cyber security maturity roadmap

Designed for:

- All NHS organisations
- Complex environments
- Organisations undergoing digital transformation
- NHS organisations without a dedicated CISO
- NHS organisations reviewing their cyber maturity journey
- Digital teams needing strategic guidance
- NHS organisations strengthening cyber security resilience
- Organisations managing increasing cyber security risk
- Digital leaders needing experienced strategic cyber security leadership

Flexible Partnership Model Available:

ESSENTIAL

STRATEGIC

EMBEDDED

Why M8 Solutions:

M8 Solutions delivers trusted cyber security leadership purpose-built for the NHS. Delivered by professionals with NHS operational experience, our approach is grounded in deep, real-world understanding of healthcare environments, enabling us to provide independent, unbiased advice that is always aligned to your organisation's best interests. With experience supporting Ambulance Trusts, Acute Trusts, Mental Health Trusts and Integrated Care environments, we understand the pressures faced by modern NHS organisations, including constrained budgets, increasing regulatory demands, and overstretched digital teams.

Designed around the operational realities of frontline healthcare, we focus on what is practical, proportionate and deliverable, ensuring cyber security strategies are achievable and embedded within the realities of busy healthcare settings.

Delivered by senior practitioners who have led, not just advised, our CISOaaS is outcome-driven, strengthening governance, reducing risk, and providing measurable assurance. More than advisory, we act as a true extension of your leadership team, embedding ourselves within your organisation to guide decisions, support delivery, and build long-term cyber security resilience. Our focus is simple: ensuring cyber security enables safe, effective patient care.

No Hype. No Noise. Just Results.

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