

G-Cloud 15 Service Description

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Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy, and our Certified Consultants have deep industry knowledge, experience and expertise to design and develop, a comprehensive compliance programme that will ensure the security and continuity of the systems in-line with the requirements of the UK Network and Information Systems (NIS Regulations).

What is the Service

Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy who has been assured to the highest standards as defined by National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and professional bodies such as UK Cyber Security Council. With a proven track record of delivering cyber security consultancy expertise, we pride ourselves on working closely with our clients - often augmenting in-house capability.

A Cyber Security Essentials Plus certified company, the services provided by the Cyber Portfolio align with ISO/IEC 20700 family of information security management standards, ensuring work is appropriately scoped, planned and delivered to the highest standards.

Methods provide a holistic approach to Cloud Platform Security with work undertaken by industry qualified Cyber security experts, many holding CCP Lead Practitioner else qualified to Chartered status, able to offer approved guidance and support to both public and private sector clients, covering the entirety of the Security organisation.

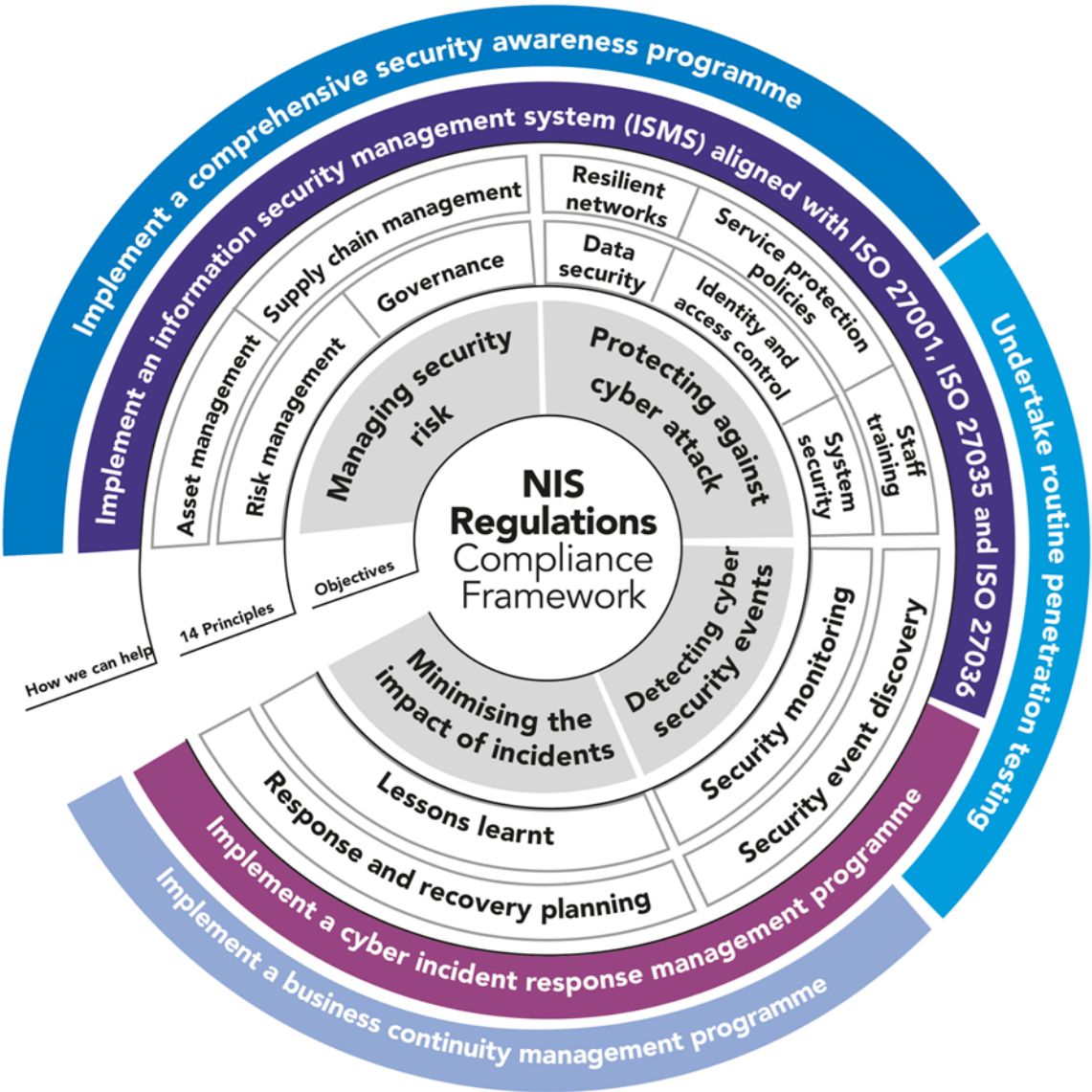
Methods manage engagements in accordance with industry best practice standards and frameworks and meet NCSC requirements for certified professional cyber services companies. Methods provide services for Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) customers across Government and the wider public and private sector. Engaging and working closely with our clients to ensure the services we provide have been correctly scoped, planned and delivered securely, with our customers interests and needs at the forefront of our thinking.

Our experienced team of certified consultants, work towards achieving the high level of network and information system security, that is required across the UK's critical infrastructure (CNI), which is a result of the high frequency and scale of cyber incidents. That applies to operators of essential services and digital service providers, which comprises of:

- OES (Operators of Essential Services)
 - Transport
 - Water
 - Healthcare
 - Digital infrastructure sectors
- DSPs (Digital Service Providers)
 - Online marketplaces
 - Online Search engines
 - Cloud computer services

Our industry qualified and proficient experts, provide the following confidence and benefits to our clients:

- Securing the network and information, by applying proportional security controls and guardrails, to mature the IT ecosystem.
- Guarantee service continuity and resilience by taking appropriate measures to prevent and minimise the impact of cyber-attacks.
- Robust and compliant cyber security defences that are appropriate to the risk.
- Relevant tools and systems for dealing with and reporting incidents efficiently.
- Notifying their regulators in a timeline period, of any security incident that has a significant impact to OES or DSPs.



Drawing on our unique blend of practical information security know-how and proven management system consultancy expertise, Methods offer a comprehensive range of solutions to help organisation implement a cyber resilience programme to achieve compliance with the UK NIS Regulations, which encompasses the following:

- Approach centred on outcomes for risk and security.
- Examination of OES/DSPs services in line with NCSC GovAssure Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF)/Cyber Resilience Audit (CRA) and NIS principles.
- Detailed assessment of each principle provided by the Methods NIS framework.
- Adhering to the latest NCSC guidance.
- Providing comprehensive evidence and analysis of the root cause of non-compliance.
- Prioritising suggestions for enhancing security in alignment with NCSC and NIS principles.
- Recommendation and plan for implementing improvements.

Contact details

Our methodology and approach are agile, which is designed to integrate seamlessly into the organisation, complementing and innovating the current working practices. Whether the organisation is looking for ad-hoc support, or a long-term partner, our team of professional, verified and approved by NCSC Cyber Security and UK Cyber Security Council, our experts, with the ability to help identify and implement best and most viable solutions. Aligned with NIST, NCSC, OWASP, and MOD Secure by Design & DEFSTAN 05-138 for dynamic security solutions.

One of our core tenets is collaboration, which lays out how our team works with the client. We adopt the principles of openness and knowledge transfer to empower the people and build impressive, sustainable governance around complex multi-cloud solutions. We work closely with key stakeholders and programme teams to devise a bespoke solution that meets the demands of the business processes, strategic business objectives and regulatory requirements. Our consultants have a strong background in both public and private sectors and will quickly adapt to the environment, providing specialist expertise to design innovative and risk-based solutions that meet your specific business needs and outcomes.

We at Methods, provide pragmatic and proportionate risk-based guidance as trusted consultants covering compliance, architecture and design assurance; system accreditation across MOD DefCon standards. Our experienced consultants have proficiency working on a variety of Government projects with different divisions including critical national infrastructure (CNI), defence, policing, justice, education, healthcare, border control, central government, local authorities and government digital services.

In line with HMG requirements, Methods is certified to Cyber Essentials Plus, ISO/IEC 27001, ISO 27017 and ISO 9001 standards, so we can provide customers with robust, consistent assurance in our quality processes and the protection of our systems and customer-related data. We adopt certified frameworks for HMG where data is classified OFFICIAL through to SECRET and above. Methods has a large pool of SC and DV cleared UK personnel and has experience of designing, building and maintaining governance and security to deliver service offerings at OFFICIAL, SECRET and ABOVE SECRET classifications.

What it can do for you

Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy who has been assured to NCSC standards, work towards providing guidance to organisations managing their cyber security risks by breaking down the task of protecting the organisation into critical areas. By developing and implementing the relevant security measures covered by NCSC and NIS principles, we assist organisations to reduce the likelihood of cyber-attacks transpiring and minimising the impact to your organisation when incidents do occur.

Service Features

1. Raising the level of cyber-security and resilience of key-systems
2. Single point of contact engagement with EU partners
3. CSIRT (Computer Security Incident Response Team)
4. Guidance on cyber security adhering to NCSC
5. Adhering Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF)
6. Consultancy delivered by NCSC certified professionals covering all CCP-specialisms
7. Consultants provided with Security Check and/or Developed Vetting
8. Experienced in delivering risk methodologies supporting RMADS production
9. Multi-disciplinary experts from security, engineering, business transformation and training
10. Guidance from NCSC Certified Consultancy with CCP and ChCSP

Service Benefits

1. Reduction of operational cyber security risks
2. Improved pathway adhering to NCSC assured and certified practice
3. Alignment of Cyber to existing enterprise risk management processes
4. Security strategy and policy tailored to your organisation
5. Increasing security skills and awareness through knowledge transfer
6. An ISO 27001, ISO 9001 and Cyber Essentials certified company
7. Certified: ChCSP, NCSC CCP, CISSP, CISM, CCSP, CISA, TOGAF/SABSA
8. Proportionate controls mitigate risks and support organisational security culture
9. Improved internal cyber security policies, standards and procedures
10. Providing confidence in your security architecture and controls

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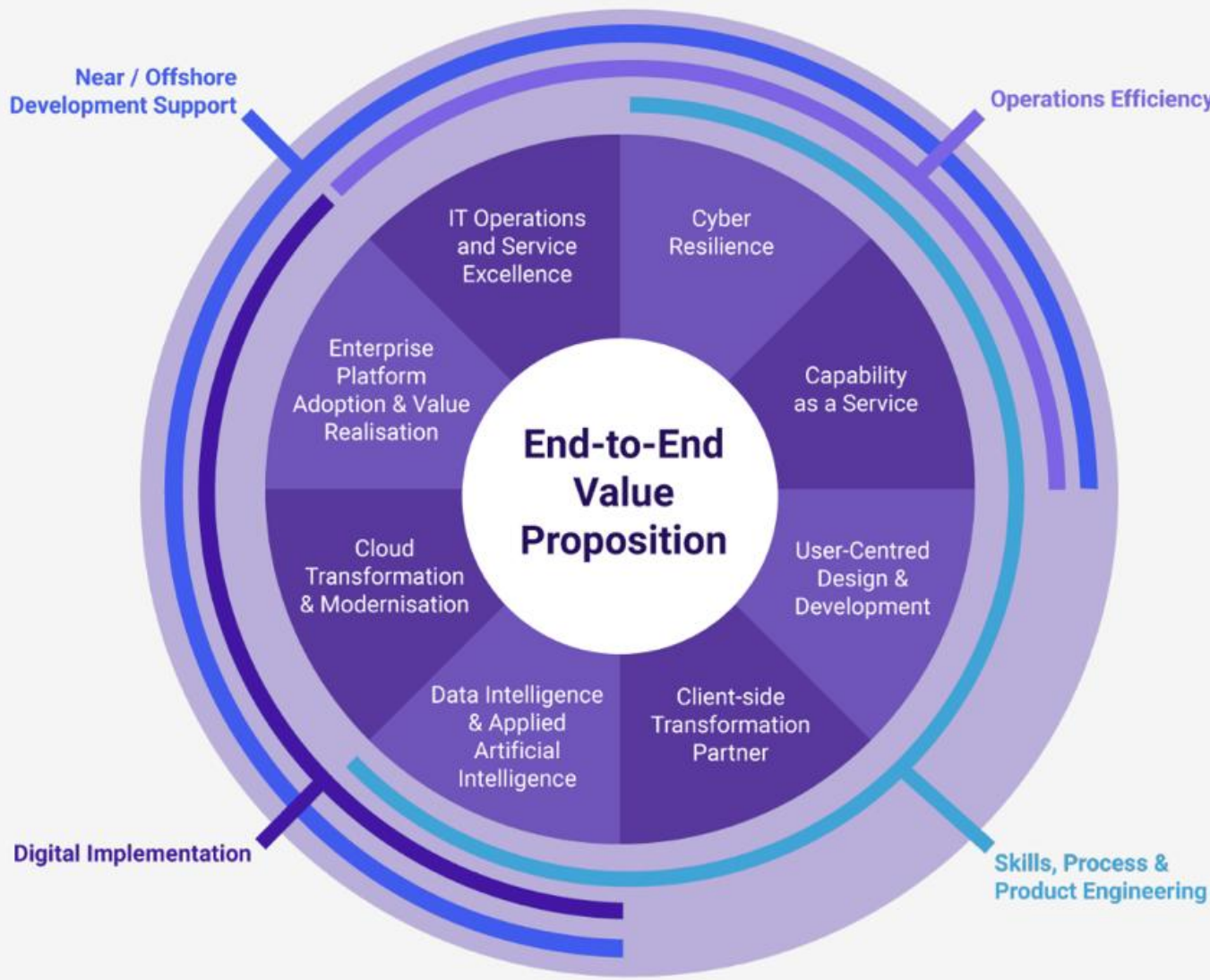
End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

Applying our skills in innovation and collaboration from across the Methods Group, to deliver end-to-end business and technical solutions that are people-centred, safe, and designed for the future.

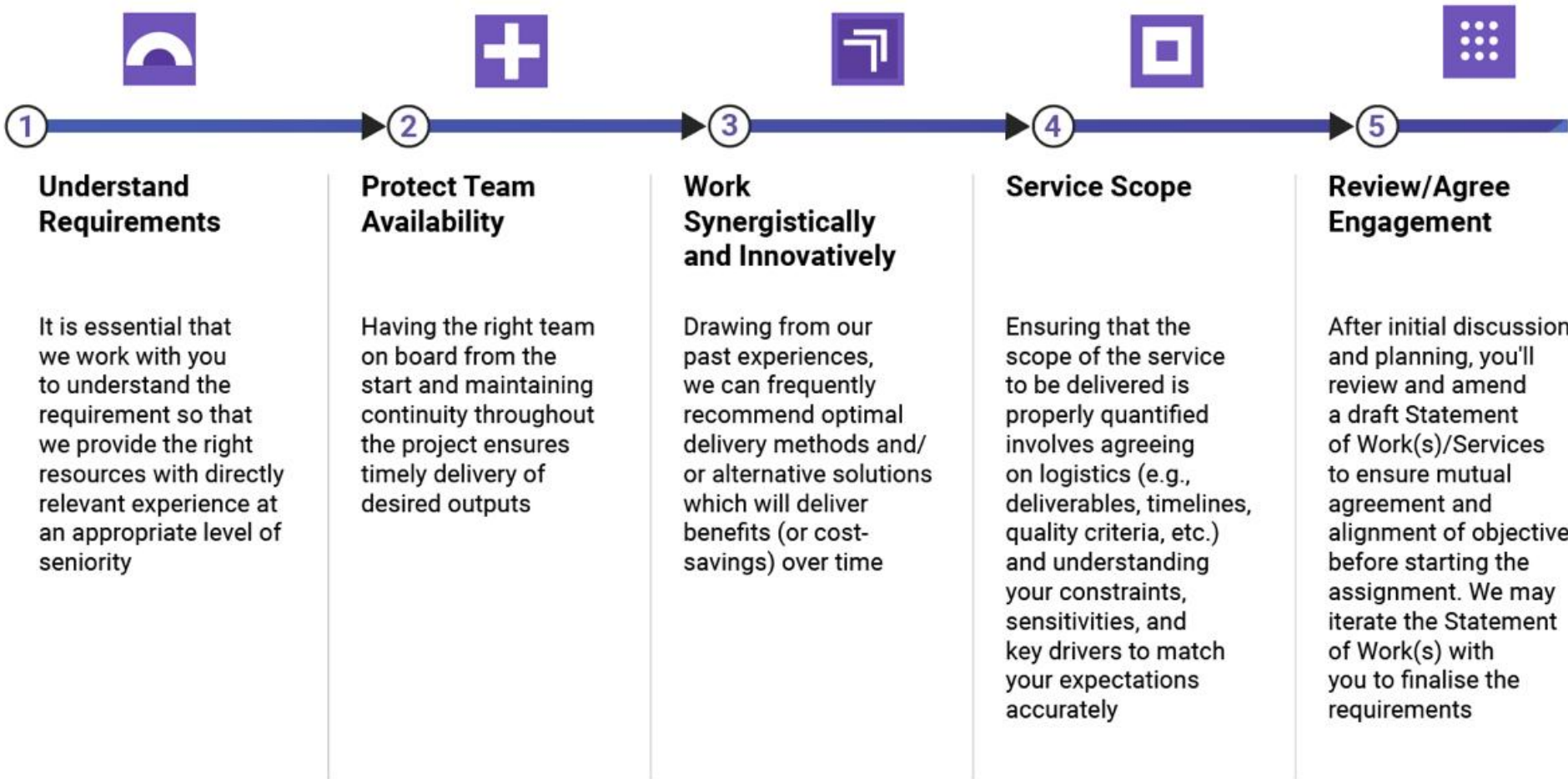
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

With a focus on driving interoperability and innovation in UK Central Government, we have helped multiple organisations in the sector modernise their IT architecture, systems, strategy, and operating models to improve organisational resilience and service delivery.

Methods deliver wide-ranging services and thought leadership to support delivery including:



Onboarding and offboarding process



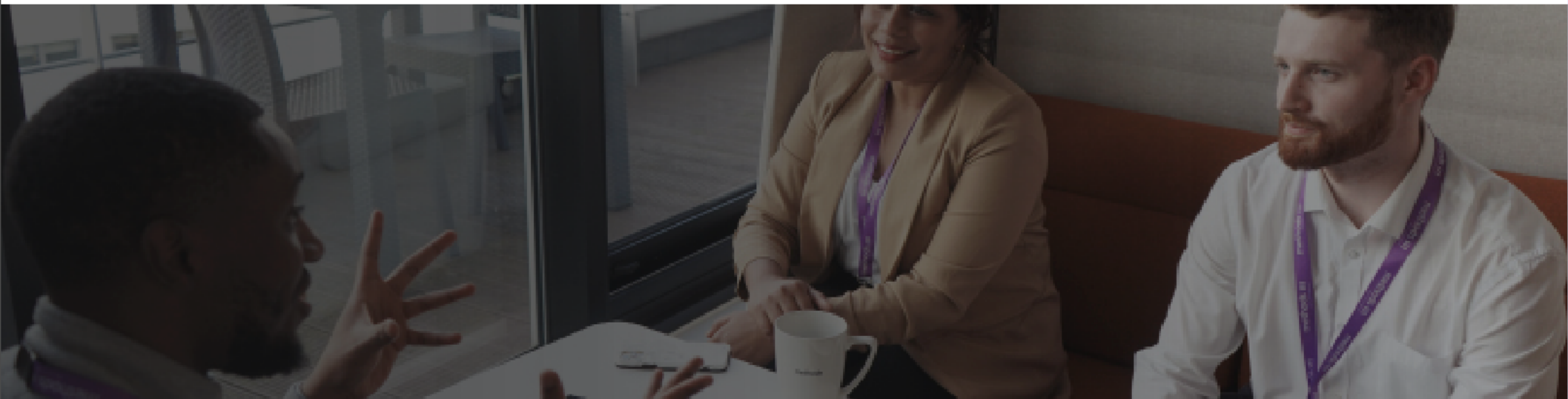
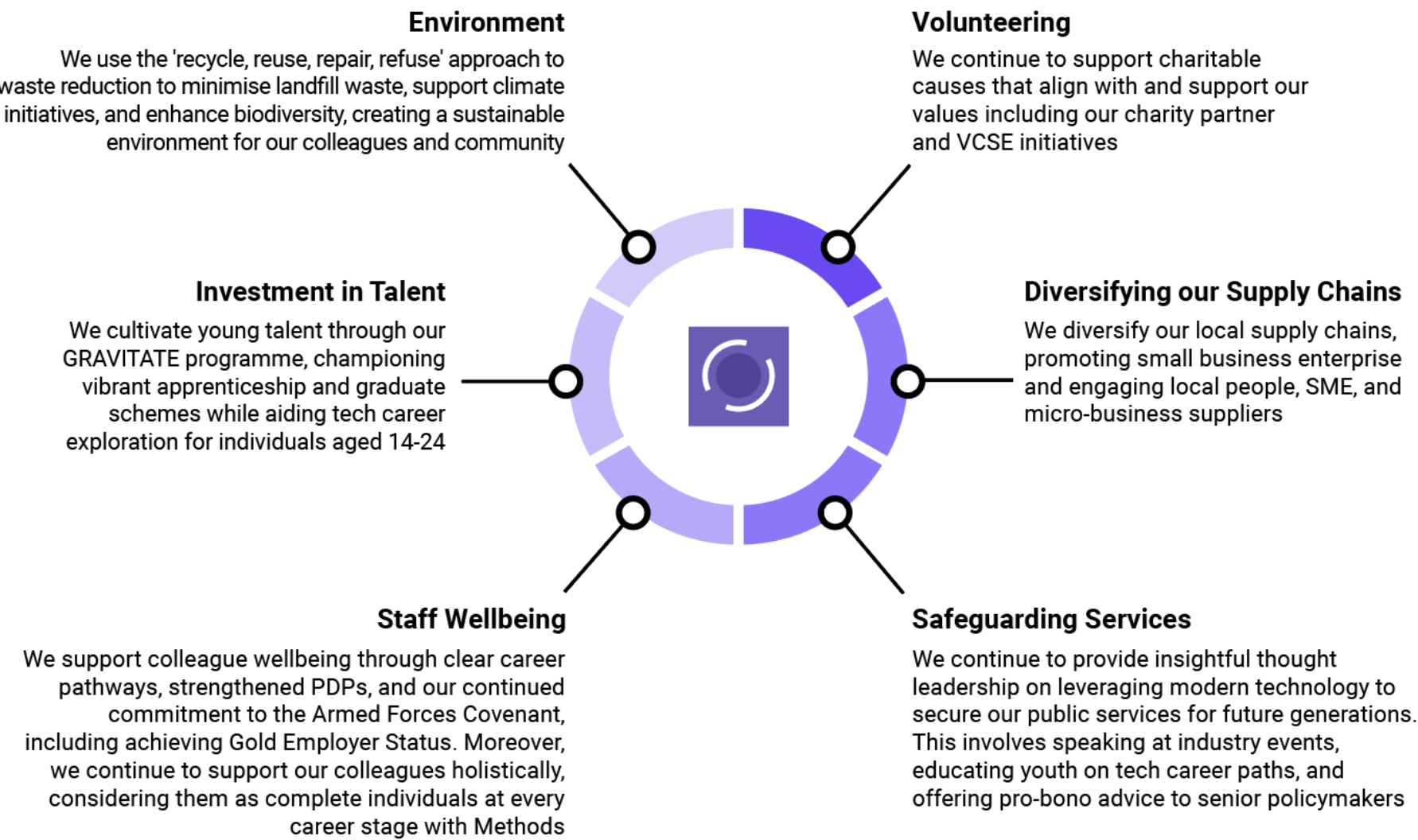
- Ordering and Invoicing**
Once we have agreed a Statement of Work(s) we will sign the appropriate agreement and complete a Call Off contract with an attached Statement of Work(s), and submission of a Purchase Order. We will then set up a mutually acceptable start date and commence work.

Payment terms are 30 days or less as may be agreed.

Please note - we are unable to accept Government Procurement Card (GPC) payments.
- Customer Responsibilities**
For any given requirement, we will identify any dependencies on the customer (e.g. access to key stakeholders, facilities, documentation, etc.) and agree these at the start of the work.

Making a difference

The work we do each day is focused on delivering a positive difference for the public sector for the benefit of society as a whole.



Customer stories

Cloud Hosting & Service Modernisation

Modernised digital services using secure cloud hosting, streamlined legacy workflows, and improved data insights. Delivered faster decisions, reduced manual effort, and a more transparent, **user-friendly experience** for internal teams and external users.

Cloud-Based ITSM Consolidation

Unified multiple service desks onto a cloud-based ITSM platform, standardising processes and automating workflows. Improved incident, change, and problem management, **boosting overall service reliability, efficiency, and organisational visibility.**

Large-Scale Cloud Migration (100+ Apps / 120TB)

Delivered cloud migration of **100+ legacy applications** and **120TB of data** with **100% availability.** Strengthened compliance, improved transparency, and significantly enhanced operational resilience across critical digital services.

Azure Migration & Modern Workplace Enablement

Migrated data centres to Azure and deployed modern workplace cloud services, delivering secure, scalable infrastructure. Achieved improved user experience, strengthened security posture, and **£1m savings** - all with zero service disruption.

Cloud ITSM Migration (ServiceNow SaaS)

Successfully migrated from a legacy ITSM tool to a modern, cloud-based ServiceNow platform. Delivered scalable, robust service operations, strengthened governance, and enabled faster, more consistent digital service delivery across the organisation.

Cloud-Native Data Pipelines (Azure Integration)

Built automated Azure Data Factory pipelines into a Lakehouse architecture, using Bronze/Silver/Gold layers and Delta with CI/CD. Delivered secure daily refreshes, improved data quality, lower manual effort, and more efficient reporting.