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Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy delivering configuration baselines and best practices, by enhancing the cybersecurity posture of the organisations. Adopting the 18 x CIS control, which facilitates the organisation to mitigate common security risks and protect their sensitive data and systems, to improve the cyber defence capabilities.

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.

Methods are a leading provider that apply 18 x Centre for Internet Security (CIS) benchmarks to deliver successful projects for clients across various sectors and regions. Helping to design, implement and mitigate common security risks and protecting the clients sensitive data and systems. Understanding that mature CIS controls play a crucial role in enhancing the cybersecurity posture of organisations.

Mature CIS controls offers several business benefits, such as:

- Risk Reduction: Help identify, assess, and mitigate cybersecurity risks effectively.
- Compliance Requirements: Adhering to regulatory standards and compliance frameworks to demonstrate compliance.
- Protection of Sensitive Data: Implementing measures to protect sensitive data from unauthorised access, theft, or manipulation.
- Improved Incident Response: To effectively manage and mitigate the impact of security incidents.
- Consistency and Standardisation: Help ensure that security policies and procedures are applied uniformly throughout the organisation.
- Continuous Improvement: Adopting controls and staying up to date with the latest recommendations.
- Enhanced Reputation and Trust: Enhance the organisation's reputation and build trust with customers, partners, and other stakeholders.
- Cost Savings: Reducing the likelihood and impact of cybersecurity incidents and data breach.

THE 18 CIS CONTROLS



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By adopting the CIS Benchmarks standards, this will allow removing the need for each organisation to 'reinvent the wheel' and provides organisations with a clear path to minimising their attack surface and adhere to industry best practice.

Having more than 140 CIS Benchmarks in total, spanning across seven core technology categories. We understand the overall, mature CIS controls are essential for organisations looking to establish a robust cybersecurity framework that effectively mitigates risks, ensures compliance with regulatory requirements, using the best-in-class tools and technologies.

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 have been assured to NCSC standards, working towards providing guidance to organisations managing their cyber security risks from on prem to cloud platforms, by breaking down the task of protecting the organisation into critical areas. Developing and implementing the relevant security measures covered by Centre for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmark, we assist organisations by reducing the likelihood of cyber-attacks transpiring and minimising the impact to the organisation when incidents do occur.

Service Features

- 1. Best practices for the secure configuration of a system
- 2. Consensus-based on best practice security configuration
- 3. Adhering to government, business, industry and academia
- 4. Forming a defence-in-depth set of specific best practices
- 5. Mitigating the most common cyber attacks
- 6. Twenty basic controls organized into three maturity stages
- 7. Adhere to CIS benchmark level 1 and 2
- 8. CIS benchmark assessments across AWS/Azure cloud security posture

Service Benefits

- 1. Provisioned in NCSC assured and certified good practice
- 2. Reduction of operational cyber security risks
- 3. Alignment of Cyber to existing enterprise risk management processes
- 4. Security strategy and policy tailored to the organisation
- 5. Increasing security skills and awareness through knowledge transfer
- 6. An ISO 27001, ISO 9001 and Cyber-Essentials certified company
- 7. Proportionate controls mitigating risks and support organisational security culture
- 8. Improved internal cyber security policies, standards and procedures
- 9. Providing confidence in your security architecture and controls

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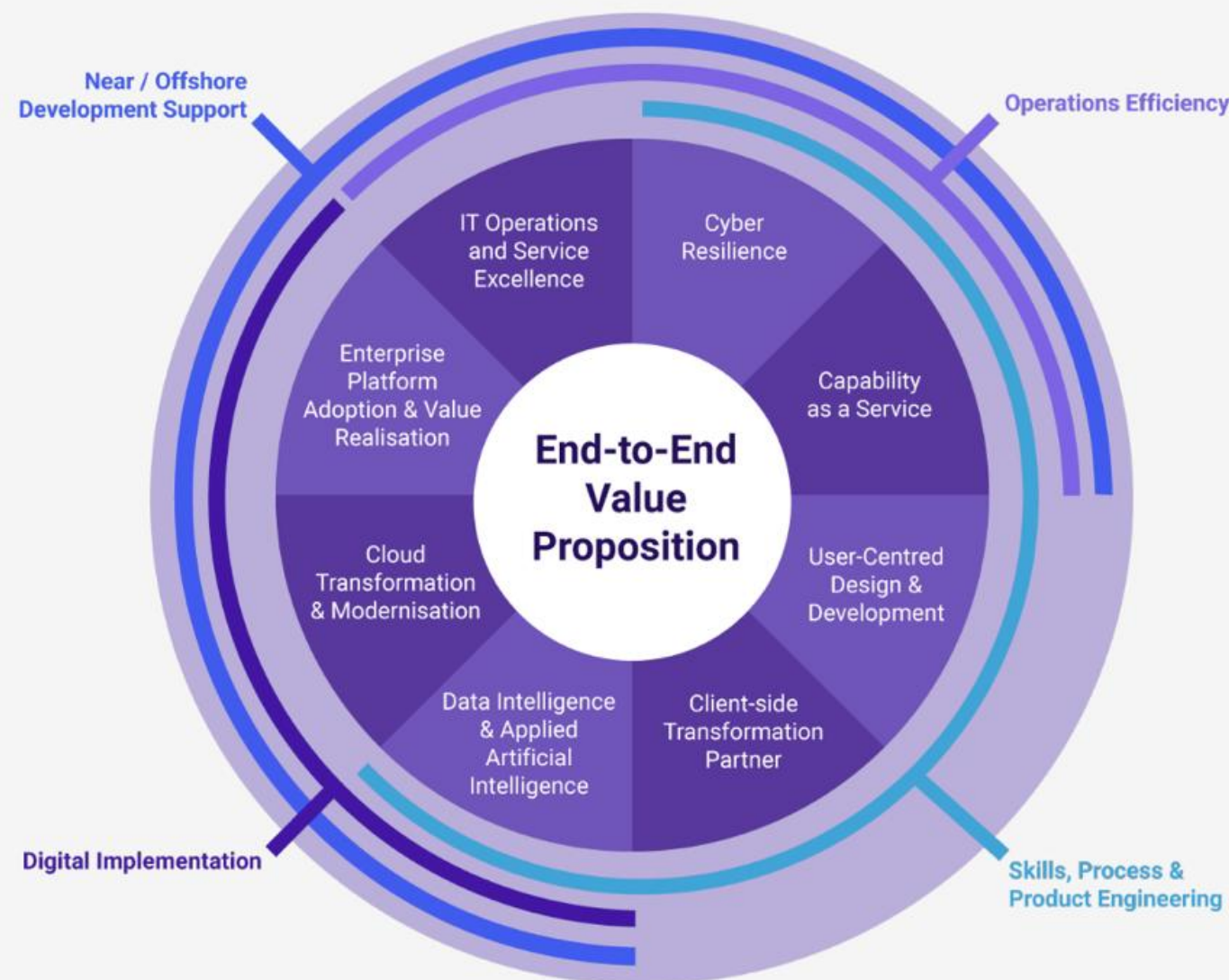
End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

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.

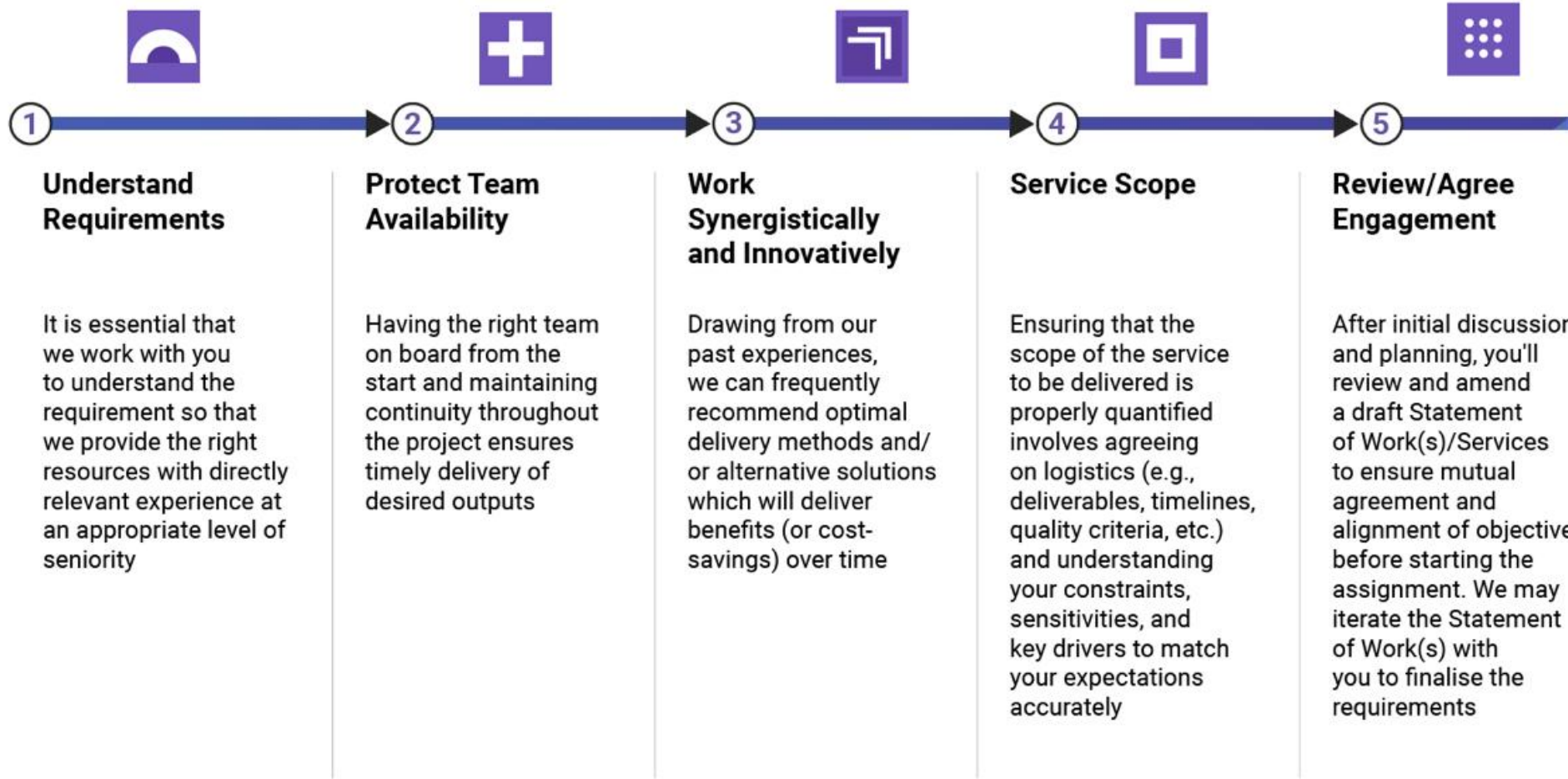
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

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.

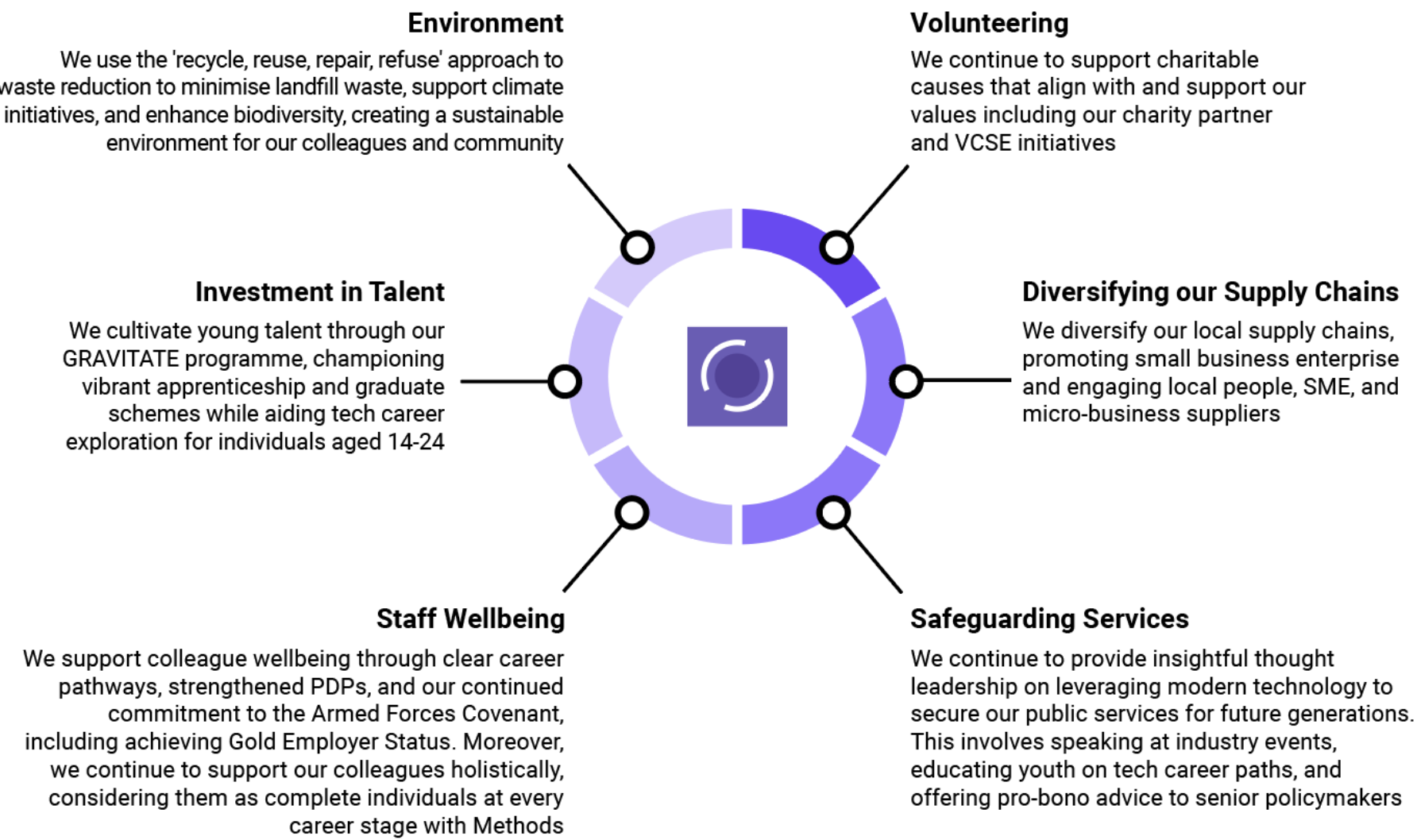


Customer Responsibilities

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.