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Methods provide specialist security audit and risk assessment services to identify your organisations resilience to cyber-attacks. Our NCSC Certified consultancy, provide a comprehensive security audit review and assessment across the organisation's IT infrastructure and systems, measuring cyber security against industry best practices and externally established standards, or regulations.

What is the Service

Methods is an NCSC Assured Cyber Consultancy who has been assured to the highest standards as defined by 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.

As an NCSC Certified Consultancy our services are scoped, planned, and delivered in line with ISO 20700, the delivery of Management Consultancy services. This requires us to engage and work closely with our clients to ensure that the services we provide are aligned to industry standards.

Methods' resources provide pragmatic and proportionate risk-based guidance as trusted consultants covering compliance, architecture, and design assurance; system accreditation across Code of Connection (CoCo) and 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.

Our IS/IT audit practice can support the organisation in providing a detailed system, infrastructure evaluation of the cyber security posture, measuring compliance with applicable legislation, security objective, policies, standards, and processes. Our assessments are designed to provide a comprehensive review and analysis of the organisations IT security posture, whilst also offering a value for money IT efficiency audit service, intended to identify process and control improvements, to realise value for money savings. We have experience of conducting IS/IT audit reviews against industry best practice to:

- Provide independent risk and compliance-based audit assessments.
- Support compliance with HMG security objectives, policies and standards.
- Integrate with NCSC National Cyber Security Strategy including GovAssure to enable a systematic and comprehensive approach to assess outcomes and to identify the extent to which cyber risks to essential services are being managed by an organisation.
- Provide a comprehensive view of maturity of existing processes.

Compliance with relevant regulations and standards including but not limited to:

- NIS regulations and ISO 27001
- GovAssure scheme and Cyber Resilience Audit – underpinned by NCSC's Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) aligning best practice across critical national infrastructure (CNI)
- COBIT 5
- Sector specific compliance requirements.

We provide professional and measurable technical assessment of policies and practices that will enable the organisation information security system. Which in turn, enables a continuous procedure of determining and maintaining the security policies.

Our security audit service is designed to support the identification of security vulnerabilities across public sector organisations with an audit of their compliance readiness that allows the organisation to:

- Define and implement processes and techniques to ensure compliance.
- Measure success of security compliance audits
- Providing impartial assessment and audit reports covering security compliance audits
- Inform investigations and information risk management.
- Establish audit plans and audit regimes that match business needs and support continuous improvement.

The scope of our audits will be tailored in collaboration with the organisations to ensure alignment to business unit or strategic roadmaps, as the focus of audit will primarily be on IT and not the business cases. We collaborate with key stakeholders in the audit planning phase to ensure stakeholder engagement throughout the audit lifecycle. It's vital that management are engaged as this will enable effectiveness in establishing good practice and identification of areas of continuous improvement.

Our security audit capability adopts NCSC standards to deliver a service offering that aims to:

- Provide advice and guidance to our clients, that enables an organisation to maintain the business objective and strategic roadmap.
- Provide comprehensive insight and overview across an organisations IT infrastructure.
- Ensure the continuous improvement of internal or external cyber security standards, policies, and procedures.
- Provide advice and guidance to clients in support of satisfying or maintaining certification or compliance requirements.
- Review existing cyber security policies and procedures to identify potential vulnerabilities, weaknesses across the organisation and suggest recommendations for changes or improvements.
- Review existing cyber security artefacts for example, designs, risk analysis, security claims provided by organisation stakeholders or third-party business partners, in support of audit activities.
- Enable informed decision making and effective risk management.
- Enhance incident response, business continuity and disaster recovery procedures.
- Perform reviews and audits for the organisation.
- Establish reporting capabilities to enable an organisation to have greater confidence and assurance that internal and external cyber security policies, procedures, are compliant.

Contact details

Service description details



We adopt an Agile methodology, designed to integrate seamlessly into the organisation, complementing and innovating current working practices. We believe in the principles of openness and knowledge transfer to empower the people and build impressive, sustainable governance around complex multi-cloud solutions. We work collaboratively with the 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.

Methods offer a unique Value for Money IT Efficiency Audit Review (service) aimed at identifying poor else weak controls across the estate – following the normal disciplines associated with a traditional Audit – but with the additional objective of realising true VfM efficiency savings (e.g. storage, telephony, service providers/operators including Cloud, Laptops and PCs). Savings may be one off or more likely annual.

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 Cyber Security certified consultancy in Cyber Security Governance & Risk Management, delivering approved advice and guidance to a diverse range of clients to provide the most cost effective and pragmatic approach, based on industry best practice. We provide our customers access to industry recognised experts who have a record of delivering cyber security consultancy assignments, as defined by NCSC and the UK Cyber Security Council. Our audit specialists can support your organisation in providing a detailed evaluation of the cyber security posture, measuring compliance with applicable legislation, security objective, policies, standards, and processes. Our assessments are designed to provide a comprehensive review and analysis of the organisations IT security posture.

Service Features

1. Review policy criteria and procedural requirements
2. Performing security compliance audit in accordance with methodology/framework
3. Defining and implementing procedures and techniques for continuous compliance
4. Comprehensive security assessment/analysis, covering security compliance audits, investigations, risk management
5. Assessment of existing information auditing function currently in place
6. Develop audit plans considering the organisation risk appetitive/business objectives
7. Recommendations to audit findings; comprehensive plan that support continuous improvements
8. Recommendations enable informed decision-making for efficient/cost-effective options to address non-compliance

Service Benefits

1. Business & system improvements into the internal systems/controls
2. Providing credibility in organisation security posture
3. Promote best practices for controls
4. Identify operational inefficiencies and waste
5. Review IT projects, systems, people, process, and technology
6. Provide an independent and objective insight
7. Assess efficient and responsible use of resources
8. Meeting the statutory and regulatory requirements in the industry
9. Improved planning and budgeting for the organisation
10. Determine adequacy of internal controls

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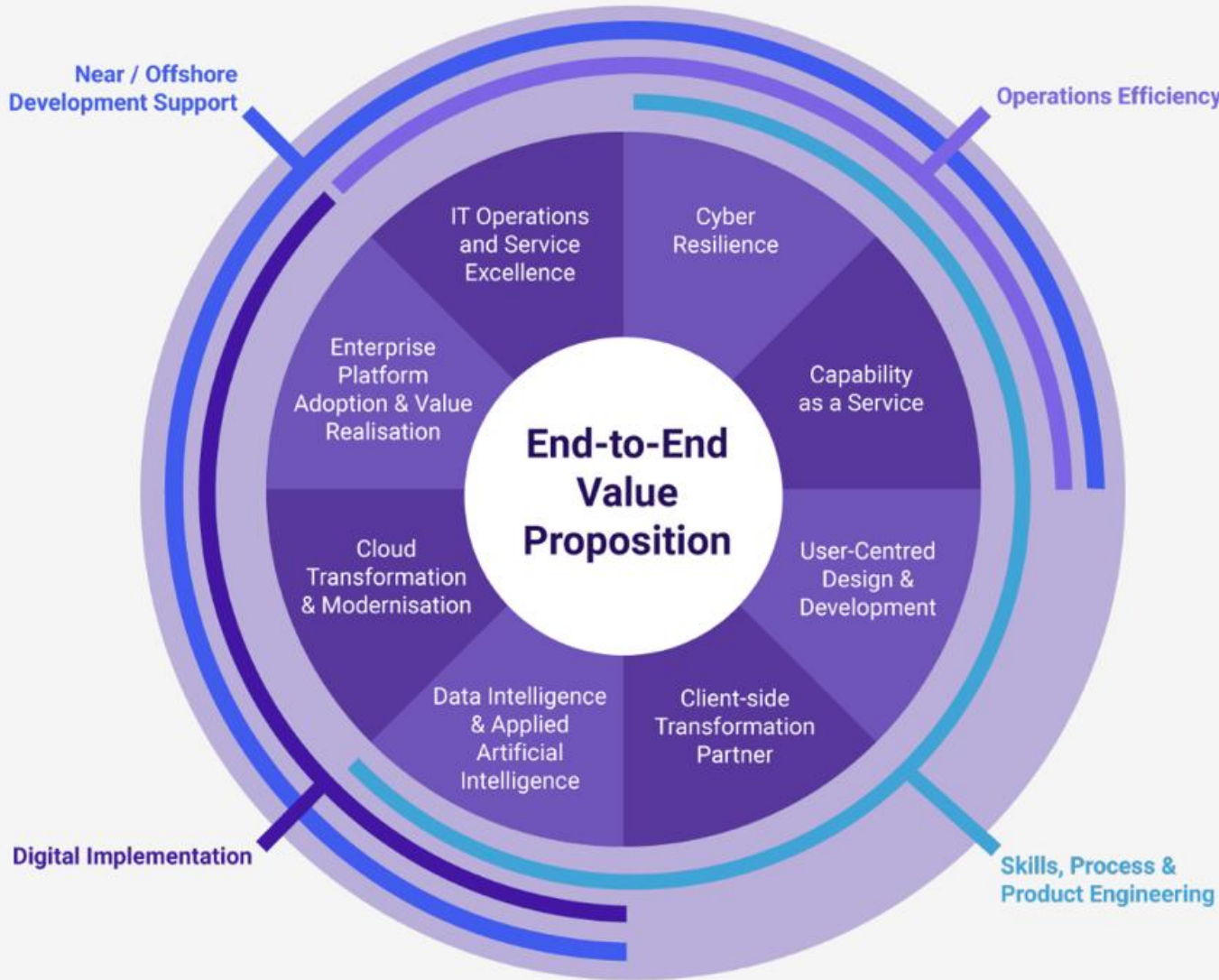
End-to-end transformation and innovation experts

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.

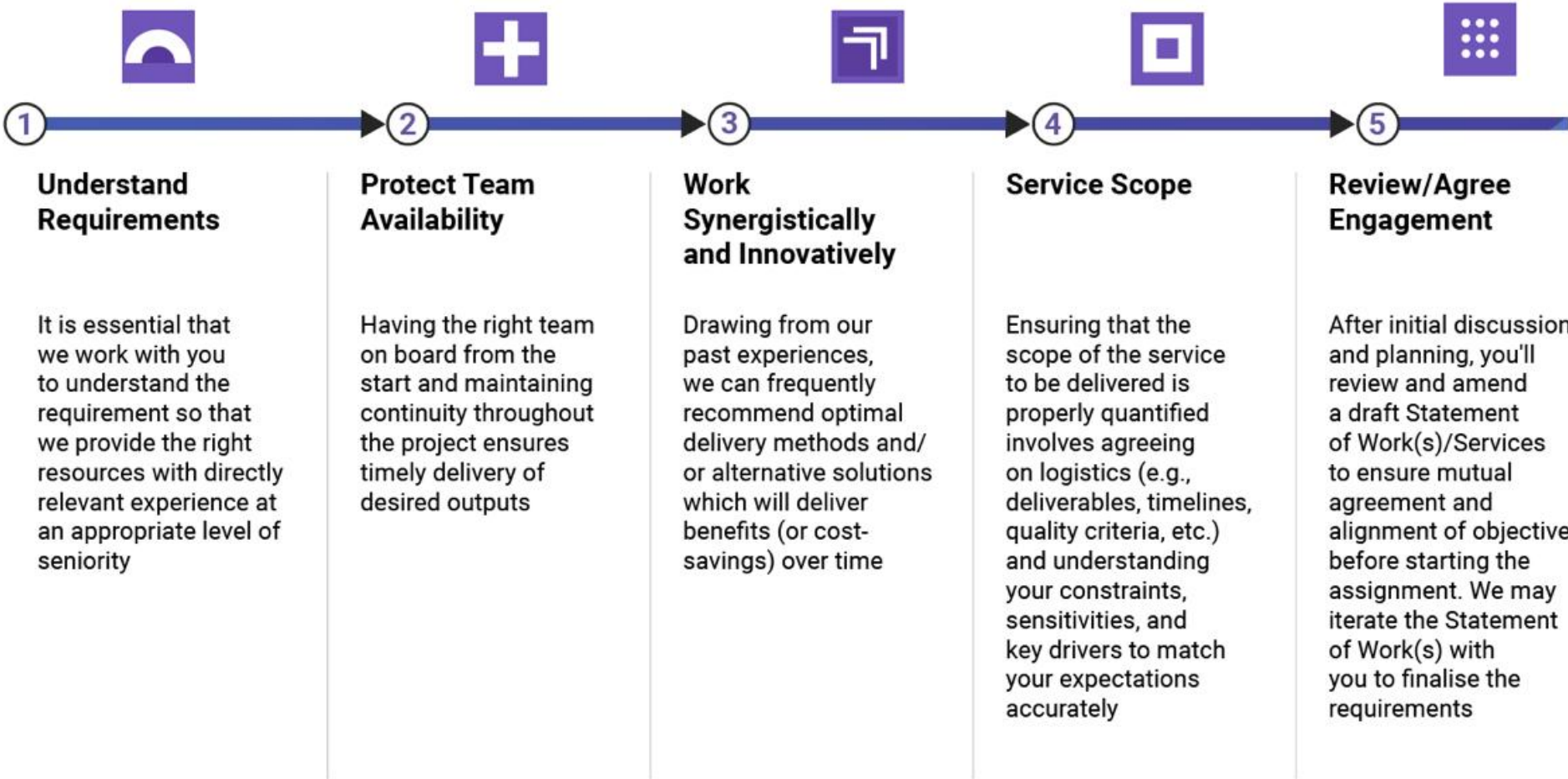
Methods provide collaborative and innovative solutions to help Central Government adapt to the changing landscape and deliver better outcomes for citizens.

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.

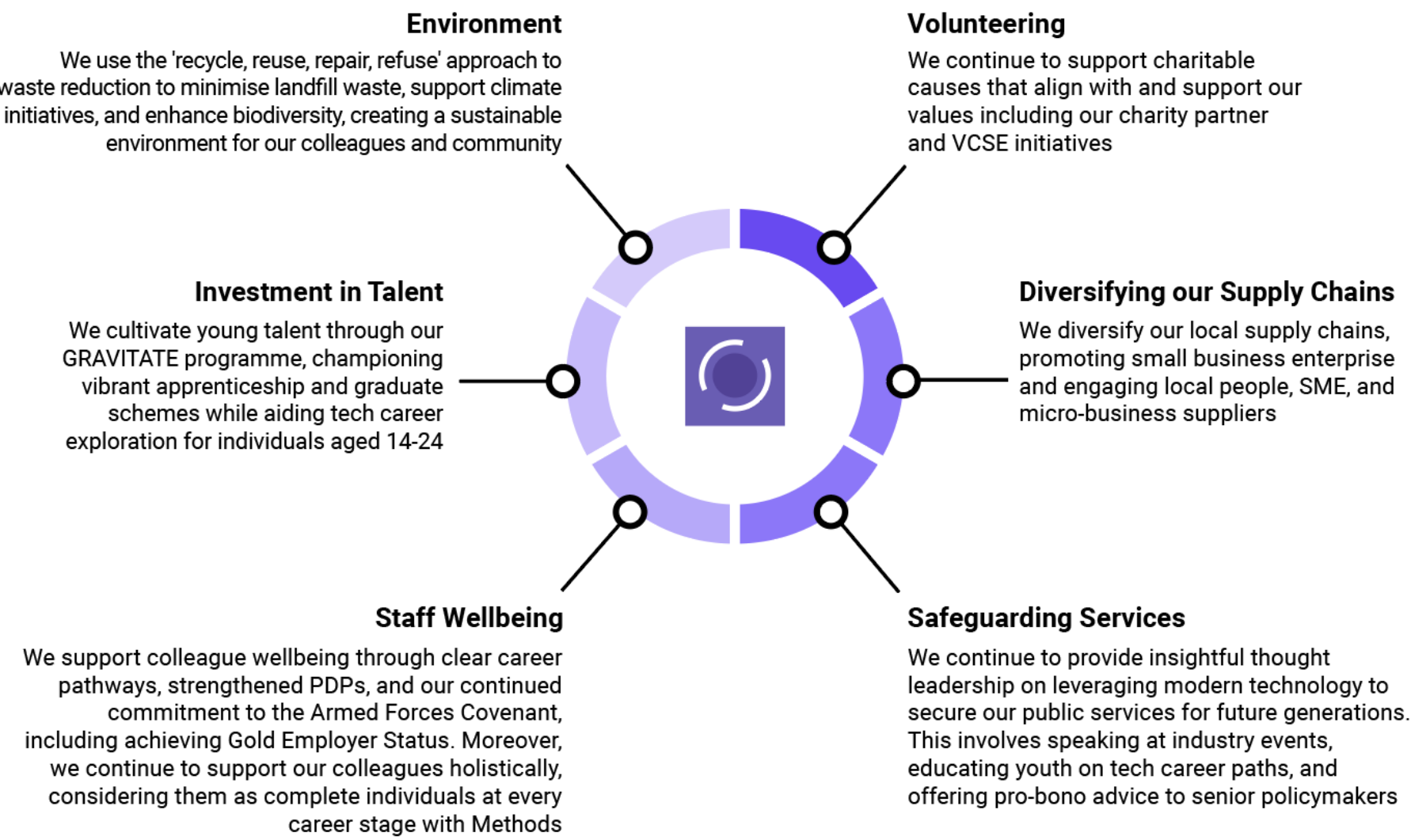


Customer Responsibilities

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.