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The High Assurance MSP

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Assurance as a Service

SERVICE DEFINITION

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Service Definition

In 2026, assurance transcends simple compliance to provide essential confidence. As threats and regulations evolve, organisations require independent expert validation to uncover hidden blind spots and cyber risks.

This objective oversight ensures security investments deliver measurable protection and operational resilience while navigating increasingly complex global supply chains and sophisticated adversarial tactics.

Service Features

- **Continuous Compliance Monitoring:** Real-time tracking against ISO 27001, NIST CSF, NCSC CAF, CSA STAR or SOC2 framework requirements.
- **Independent Expert Validation:** Unbiased third-party audits by UK Cyber Security Council Chartered Professionals ensure objective assessment of security controls.
- **Automated Governance Reporting:** Instant generation of audit-ready reports for stakeholders and regulators.
- **Third-Party Risk Oversight:** Ongoing evaluation of vendor security postures and supply chains.
- **Measurable Security Outcomes:** Data-driven metrics prove the actual effectiveness of protection investments.
- **Executive Risk Dashboards:** Clear visualisations translating technical gaps into business-level risk insights.
- **Proactive Gap Analysis:** Identifies missing controls before they lead to non-compliance issues.
- **Scalable Subscription Model:** Flexible assurance levels that grow with your organisation's complexity.
- **Regulatory Change Tracking:** Automatically maps defences to updated 2026 global legal standards.
- **Evidence-Based Trust:** Provides verified proof of security to boost customer confidence.

Service Benefits

- **Continuous Regulatory Compliance:** Maintains alignment with evolving mandates like NIS2 and GDPR.
- **Unbiased Independent Validation:** Provides objective proof that security controls are functioning correctly.
- **Reduced Operational Overhead:** Outsourcing complex auditing tasks frees up internal security teams.

- **Enhanced Stakeholder Confidence:** Builds trust with boards, investors, and clients through transparency.
- **Cost-Effective Scalability:** Accesses high-level expertise without the expense of full-time hires.
- **Accelerated Market Entry:** Streamlined compliance processes help secure new contracts much faster.
- **Real-Time Risk Visibility:** Identifies control failures immediately rather than during annual audits.
- **Improved Investment ROI:** Ensures cybersecurity spending addresses the most critical business gaps.
- **Stronger Supply Chain Trust:** Validates vendor security to protect against third-party data breaches.
- **Proactive Liability Mitigation:** Demonstrates "due targets" to reduce potential legal and financial penalties

Problems Solved

Defining security risks and requirements then implementing security mitigations to address these enables an organisation to demonstrate a level of cyber-security maturity but without the confidence that security mitigations have been implemented effectively.

Similarly, as digital systems and services are modified and upgraded over time security mitigations may no longer be effective and confidence in how well they are reducing cyber-risk becomes uncertain.

Outcomes

Adopting Assurance as a Service ensures the organisation has confidence in their cyber-security mitigations investment from day one and this continues throughout the lifetime of the system as modifications and upgrades occur.

This continuous confidence in the effectiveness of the security posture is achieved through targeted and proportionate assurance activities which independently verify and validate the organisation's security controls, policies, and practices.

Activities are applied using a 'best-fit' approach from the assurance catalogue and include Vulnerability Assessments, Penetration Tests, DevSecOps and policy compliance audits using the NCSC Cyber Assurance Framework (CAF) and 10 Steps to Cyber Security Framework.

What Nine23 Do & Why

Nine23 is a veteran-owned **UK Sovereign, High-Assurance Managed Service Provider (MSP)** delivering cyber secure, resilient digital services for mission-critical operations.

Our service offerings include:

- InfoSec Advisory and Assurance
- Private/Hybrid Cloud
- Secure Collaboration
- Interoperability

Our solutions are built to meet the most stringent regulatory compliance requirements and are fully aligned with NCSC/DSIT guidance and Secure by Design principles. We enable individuals and organisations to operate with confidence, security and compliance.

Who Nine23 Work With

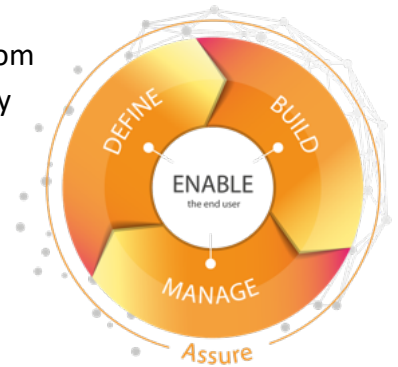
Nine23 delivers exceptional services to Discerning Clients in **UK Regulated Sectors who handle protectively marked data at above OFFICIAL**. We enable the HM Government, National Security and Public Safety, Defence Industry and their supply chains to collaborate and interoperate with simplicity, without ever compromising on security.

We have demonstrated significant achievements in difficult to break into sectors and have a stellar list of clients which demonstrates our credibility.

How Nine23 Work

Our Model

Our operating model builds security, usability, and compliance in from day one, so your technology, people, and processes work seamlessly together. As cyber threats evolve, so do we – keeping your users secure, empowered, and productive through continuous improvement, user-focused design, and UK sovereign solutions that meet national security standards.



Define - Your Problem

We understand information security and assurance as a business enabler, not a constraint. Our experts will conduct a comprehensive discovery phase to assess current capabilities and risks, define key security objectives, compliance standards, and end-user requirements, and develop a clear roadmap that enables digital transformation with high assurance at its core.

Build - Your Solution

We combine the best technology from the best vendors to create an environment that enables individuals to work together effectively and securely. Leveraging trust, innovation, and a depth of sector experience to provide collaboration and interoperability.

Manage - Your Service

We deliver high assurance and resilient managed services that enable seamless interoperability for teams to access the data and applications they need to work collaboratively. Our managed services include:

- 24/7 monitoring, proactive risk management, and compliance assurance
- Threat detection, response, and continuous security improvements
- A transparent Service Level Agreement (SLA) ensuring clear accountability.

Why Choose Nine23?

Enabling the end user is the heart of everything we do, empowering them to work with the same simplicity and usability they expect at home, without ever compromising on security. We are **trusted, proven experts with a strong track record** of delivering nationally accredited, user-focused solutions in complex and highly regulated environments.

We deliver high assurance solutions **accredited for use at OFFICIAL (including SENSITIVE and other caveats) through to SECRET**, meeting the most stringent cyber security requirements. As a fully UK-owned and operated company, with all staff, infrastructure, and data located in the UK, we provide genuine **100% UK data sovereignty**.

Above all, we are **refreshingly honest**. Building long-term relationships through transparency and integrity, with no jargon or hidden risks, just secure solutions that deliver real operational value.

