



CGI Cyber Security GovAssure Services



GovAssure is an assurance approach for government, which is a five-stage process built on the Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF). It provides a logical and thorough approach to assessing the extent to which cyber risks to essential functions are being managed.

Efficient and effective implementation will demonstrate compliance with government assurance requirements and assists with reducing costs through identification of good practices, targeted risk management, and progressive improvement. The UK government has set ambitious and challenging targets for cyber resilience, so we have developed a service that looks to assist departments with the GovAssure process and the implementation of the CAF. Our services will allow you to manage the risk of unacceptable consequences occurring as a result of a cyber-attack and demonstrate your cyber resilience through GovAssure.

Why you need to take action

The Government Cyber Security Strategy calls for **“Government’s critical functions to be significantly hardened to cyber-attack by 2025, with all government organisations across the whole public sector being resilient to known vulnerabilities and attack methods no later than 2030”**.

In the 2023 Cyber Security Breaches Survey produced by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), it was reported that 69% of large businesses identified a cyber-attack on their operations within a 12-month period. In the coming years, the NCSC anticipates that the proliferation and commercial availability of cyber capabilities will expand the cyber security threat to the UK.

With the number and significance of cyber-attacks already of great concern to UK security, and the expectation for this to grow as capabilities become more widespread and available, public sector organisations need to ensure the risks posed to their cyber resilience are adequately managed. GovAssure provides a clear and objective view of government cyber resilience and enables the measurement of progress towards strategic targets through targeted improvement plans.

Implementing new frameworks in public sector organisations can be challenging, and we have seen that poor execution often leads to a culture of chasing conformity as opposed to managing risk. Assistance from cyber experts with experience in the CAF can reduce this challenge and ensure an organisation uses the framework as a tool to progressively increase its cyber resilience.

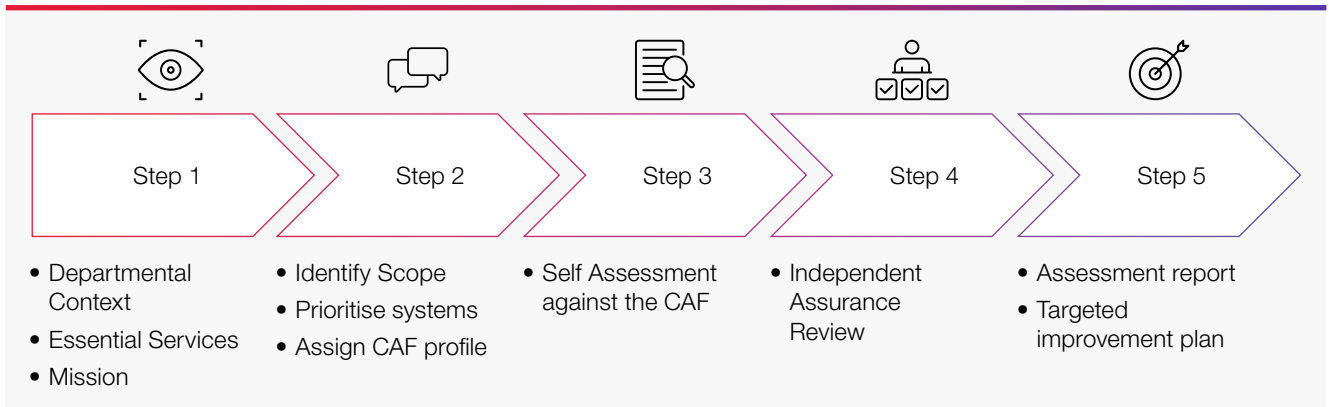
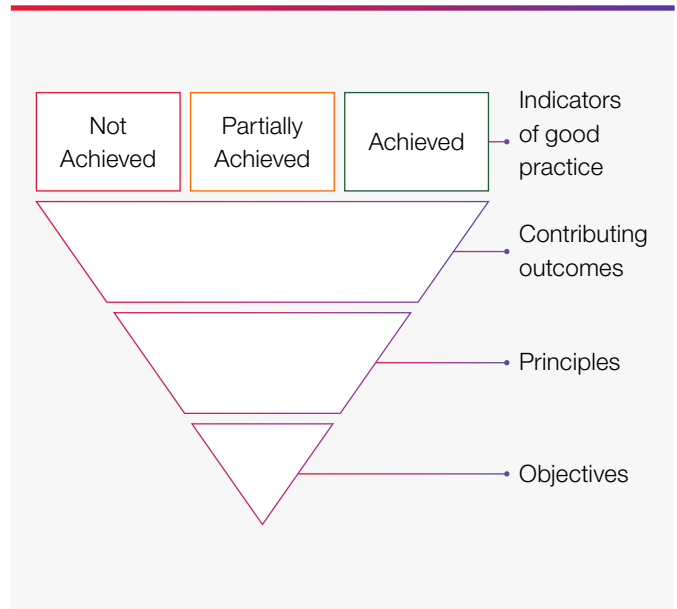
Benefits

- Manage and demonstrate **compliance** with the GovAssure process – evidencing the required level of cyber resilience.
- Identification of good practices which can be used to increase cyber resilience across government through cross-departmental **sharing**.
- Identification of cyber resilience shortcomings and **understanding** of their significance within the organisation’s context.
- Prioritised cyber resilience activities to ‘close gaps’ and achieve **progress** towards strategic targets
- Reduced costs through **targeted cyber risk management**.

Our Approach

The CAF is built upon a set of 4 objectives, 14 principles and 39 contributing outcomes, with indicators of good practice utilised to measure success. We provide knowledge and expertise from across public and commercial sectors to enable you to achieve indicators of good practice across the board.

Using our five-step process below, our experts will ensure the strategic context of the department has been defined and essential services identified. We will then lead you through the identification of systems that your essential services rely upon, their dependencies and boundaries, before prioritising them for assessment in year and aligning them to a CAF profile. We will complete self-assessments for each in-scope system through WebCAF and collate an evidence pack for the independent assessment at Step 4.



At Step 5, based on the outcome of the assessment, we can support you with developing and implementing a targeted 'Get Well Plan', identifying the most cost-effective solutions to cyber resilience gaps.

Our GovAssure Services cover the following:

- Assurance of, or assistance with, your step 1 output
- Scope identification / selection of systems
- System prioritisation and CAF profile assignment
- Assessment against the CAF (self-assessment)
- Development of improvement plan/s

Providing we have not assisted with steps 1,2, 3 and 5, our government qualified assessors can provide the Step 4 independent review.

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