Virtual Chief Information Security Officer

Blending technology with strategy

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What is a vCISO?

Having a full time cyber security expert isn't always possible, that's why we offer you ours!

A Virtual Chief Information Security Officer (vCISO) focuses on providing leadership, strategic direction, governance and compliance, to give an informed view of any information security risk being carried, and help to define a strategy and roadmap aligned to an organisation's risk appetite and proportionate to their needs.

As information and cyber security threats increase alongside heightened regulatory compliance, it's never been more important to gain greater insight of risks and threats. In doing so, and with risk exposure understood, companies should develop information security controls accordingly, enabling controls to be monitored, continuous effectiveness, and remaining proportionate to new and prevailing risks.

Implementation and management of controls can be complex and requires expertise and guidance to get to the right place and stay there.

Read more

To learn more about our vCISO service, head to our website:

waterstons.com

What is our approach?

Every organisation has different needs and requirements and we tailor what we do to accommodate them, but we will always baseline where you are, work out where you need to be, build a plan, support you on that journey, then ensure you can maintain, manage and adapt these standards where needed.

1 Understanding your organisation

- Determine regulatory compliance and legal requirements
- Agree an appropriate security framework
- Map out company crown jewels and threats

2 Baseline current cyber state

- Gap analysis / maturity assessment
- Technical security assessment
- Develop risk register

3 Define target cyber state

- Define risk appetite - quantify control maturity target aligned to the risk appetite of the organisation
- Define strategic objectives and a roadmap to track and deliver on them

4 Measure, report, adapt and improve

- Develop monitoring, KPIs and reporting
- Embed cyber risk management security forum(s)
- Deliver security forum with executive accountability

What are the benefits?

Expertise
Your vCISO will come from Waterstons' small team of highly experienced and skilled CISOs with decades of experience in both IT and information Security.

Board Level Engagement
Your vCISO will work alongside senior stakeholders to develop and articulate cyber security risks and treatment plans to present to the Board and executives.

Sector Skill
Our vCISOs are engaged and work across a range of clients and sectors.

Continuity of Role
Whilst dedicated to your organisation, the vCISO will have full continuity as the service is provided by Waterstons.

Cost Effective
Lower financial barrier to gain access to experienced, fully-qualified advisors and additional security services, compared to hiring a full time CISO.

External Threats and Horizon Scanning
Our vCISOs are furnished with monthly and quarterly analysis on cyber threats and horizon scanning from our cyber analysis team.

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