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# Overview of Virtual CISO Services



# Background

Some organisations are increasingly aware of the growing information security risks, but many are not, and most are ill equipped to adequately manage them due to their relative size, budget constraints or limited security resources. Organisations need access to experts who specialise in the wide variety of threats they face, who can offer tailored services to their needs.

However, it's often the case that organisations either can't recruit dedicated resources due to the scarcity of good candidates or the associated cost of them, or that internal resources just can't keep up with the changing security landscape to provide comprehensive assurance.

As a result, many organisations are now wanting a managed service to support their information security activities in a proportionate way.





# Introduction



Savanti are uniquely experienced to be your single port of call for security and meet this requirement through the provision of a virtual Chief Information Security Officer (vCISO), as part of our market leading security-as-a-service offerings.

Our vCISO will lead and govern information security activities alongside assembling tailored solutions for your specific challenges ranging from policy implementation and compliance, to technical vulnerability management and incident response.

The vCISO operates as an integrated member of your team to enable you to focus on your core business activities, and still progress key security initiatives whilst only paying for the time and effort you need.

# Typical approach

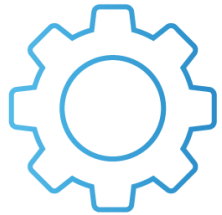


We will work with you to define and agree priorities for information security. These may already be articulated. If not, we will perform a high-level risk or maturity assessment to inform these.

We will identify the stakeholders and establish the cadence for governance meetings to put in place the mechanisms to direct and support information security activities.

We will administer the governance meetings to ensure progress is being made as well leading on discreet activities as required, drawing on the wider Savanti team as appropriate.

# Security governance



We will establish the necessary governance arrangements to provide proportionate direction, support and oversight for information security activities across client. This will include:

- Identification of relevant stakeholders;
- Development of terms of reference, or scope, of governance meetings; and
- Defining interactions with other groups.

We can act as the Chair of the governance meetings and administer them so that:

- Every meeting has an agenda and pre-reading, as required, in advance;
- Decisions and actions are agreed and recorded; and
- Progress is followed up on in between meetings.

Additionally we will attend board meetings and audit committee meetings to offer information security advice and assurance updates as required.

# Business-as-usual security activities

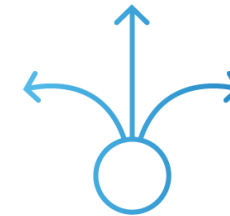
Alongside establishing and administering governance arrangements, we will lead on and deliver key initiatives and discreet projects to drive information security progress. Typically this might include the following.



Developing approach to staff education and awareness



Responding to internal or client audit requirements



Defining security tooling requirements and options



Developing and/or updating policies and standards



Developing and implementing user access reviews



Reviewing and monitoring cloud platforms, e.g. Office 365



# Engagement team

The engagement will be led by your vCISO who is an experienced security consultant with a broad range of information security skills and knowledge - from safeguarding IT infrastructure and conducting technical investigations, through to policy, governance and risk management.

Your vCISO will be supported by our multi-disciplined team of security experts and Savanti's full knowledge base to accelerate progress as required.

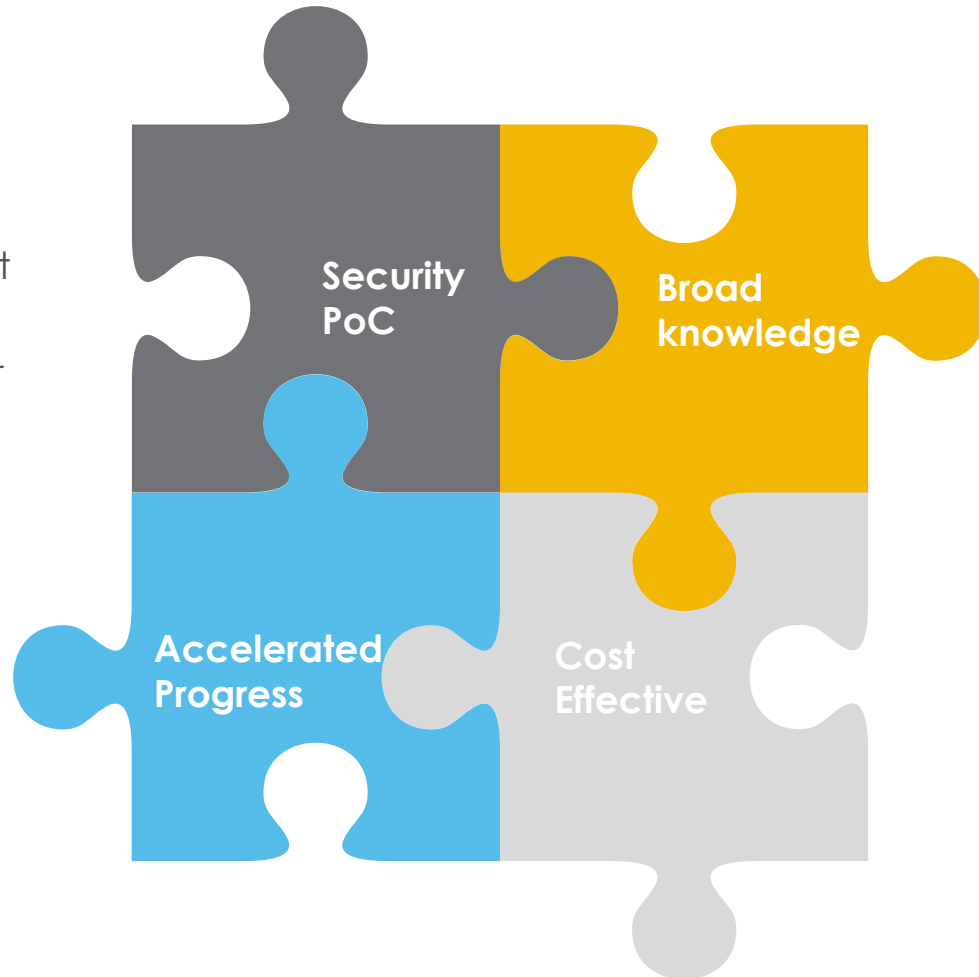
We will work collaboratively with your current team members and quickly build working relationships.



# Benefits

Your vCISO will be the information security point of contact providing direction and support for your business.

Your vCISO will drive progress and our experienced consultants will accelerate key initiatives as required.



You will be able to draw down on Savanti's wider knowledge base and resources to meet requirements.

You only pay for the time and effort that you need from your vCISO as opposed to recruiting full time resources.





## Client testimonial

"We have successfully used a vCISO from Savanti for the past year with the requirement of a fixed number of days per month to fill the security expertise gap we currently have. For us, this has been a virtual position, but our vCISO is now very much part of our team and works both remotely and attends our head office on a regular basis, to work alongside our team.

We find the role and service very flexible and responsive, where our vCISO is always on hand and contactable should we require urgent security assistance.

The Savanti vCISO service has been a great and cost-effective service for us as we occupy that space between a small and medium sized enterprise that does not require a full time CISO. Our decision to go with a vCISO has been really effective and having someone onboard who is able to leverage the full Savanti team and expertise has been a massive benefit."

*Tomos Walters, CTO at The Chemistry Group*

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# About us

Savanti provides practitioner-led cyber security services to remove the fear, uncertainty and doubt associated with cyber risk, allowing you to get on with what you do best. Our consultants specialise in providing information security leadership and have a proven track record in delivering successful information security change.

Savanti is currently engaged by some of the world's largest companies to address their global information security challenges.





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