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Information Security Manager as a Service (ISMaaS)

6½ Key Considerations

It goes without saying that when you partner with an expert, you need to make sure of four key things: your requirements will be met; the price is acceptable; the compliance boxes are ticked; and that you are dealing with a business with the highest ethical standards.

But if you partner with the right organisation, you get all this and more. Set out below are just some of the value-add activities you get when working with the right partner.

Get a package to suit your needs

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The most important point is that you work with a partner who offers a package that is right for your organisation. The Oyster IMS ISMaaS service is not one size fits all - it is customised to suit your requirements. The overall package is made up of several components and you get to choose the amount of these components that meet your needs and to right-size each component to enable you to manage your information security landscape.

Here's what you get:

- Initial security assessment – a review of your security landscape, a set of recommendations and an action plan for implementation
- Custom training - an initial training session tailored to cover the areas you want with further training options in our action plan
- Monthly consulting and advisory allowance - access to our consultants and support teams as and when you need it
- A regular review of risk management and supply chain due diligence activity

Set the standard

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The next thing you need from your ISMaaS provider is a good knowledge of the major standards in play. Oyster IMS consultants have a good knowledge of all the key standards and certification schemes - ISO27001, NIST, Cyber Essentials - and hold all the required qualifications and skills to make sure you can **implement the polices and controls that you need to suit your organisational needs.**

With Oyster IMS you can choose to align with a standard as part of a longer term strategic roadmap, or we can get you ready to certify with our ISO27001 gap analysis and implementation projects.

Access related expertise

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A major skills gap has been identified in both the UK and Ireland. In the UK 50% of all UK businesses have a basic cyber security skills gap and 33% have an advanced cyber security skills gap[1] whilst 46% of cyber security teams in Irish businesses are understaffed and 1 in 5 companies find it takes 6 months or more to fill open roles[2].

When you outsource your Information Security Manager function, you need to make sure that you get a lot more than you would get if you employed somebody directly yourself. With Oyster IMS this is undoubtedly the case - you get access to a range of consultant-level expertise across the entire information security portfolio. And you get it when you need it.

It is clear that information security, or InfoSec, is a multi-faceted discipline and outsourcing gives you access to a variety of experts under one contract. If you work with an organisation such as Oyster IMS, you not only get access to information security experts, but you can call on the expertise we have in our other consulting divisions - **information governance and data protection.**

Together these three disciplines make up the information management Venn diagram, jointly ensuring the confidentiality, integrity and availability of all your organisation's data and information. If your information contains personal data, our data protection consultants can advise on the suitability of your proposed policies and technology stack for securing that data.

It is also important to make sure you are working with real people and not just being directed towards a website. **ISMaaS means real people answering your queries and one place to go for all your information security needs.**

Control and contain costs

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All organisations need to have the right information security posture - the most appropriate level of organisational and technical measures supported by a regular high-class training function.

Oyster IMS can offer all of these with the added benefits of cost control and cost certainty, especially when compared to hiring an internal resource.

All services are provided on a fully transparent basis with every penny of your spend accounted for and allocated to the right area.

Regular monthly reporting will show you exactly how much bang you are getting for each buck and flex options mean that you can scale up or down over the course of the annual contract as required.

With an annual contract starting from only £1,250 / €1,500 per month we have packages to suit all types and sizes of organisation.

Navigate the technology landscape

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Sometimes the InfoSec technology market can seem a little like the Wild West with vendors forever striving to add more features and functionality to deal with the ever-changing threat landscape out there. How much of this is real and how much technology is required?

You need to rely on your information security team to keep on top of this and it can be a difficult job. Having Oyster IMS as part of your team means you get an experienced set of eyes on your problems and on the potential technical solutions. Our consultants are always looking at the market and we may have already solved the problems you are facing across our book of clients in the wider Oyster IMS community.

Oyster IMS is an independent player signing agreements with who we think are the best-of-breed suppliers in order to introduce quality solutions to our client base. We have the resource, skills and experience to investigate technology solutions that you may never have considered to deal with issues that we jointly agree are a priority. In addition, we have a world-class professional services team that you can draw on to implement a wide variety of technology solutions and a full service support desk to answer your technical queries.

Reach further

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A good information security function needs to have reach. A key requirement of any InfoSec function is to **look outside the organisation and make sure that the supply chain has a comparative level of security** - these due diligence exercises can take up a considerable amount of time.

Just over one in ten businesses say they review the risks posed by their immediate suppliers[3]

Outsourcing to Oyster IMS gives you the ability to actively manage these important information security activities. Our consultants have years of experience on both the client and consulting side in analysing and assessing upstream and downstream supply chains to ensure the appropriate level of information security.

In addition to supply chain reach, our information security team can help you **reach new customers, clients or service users through positioning your organisation as one with information security under control.**

Sleep at Night?

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Information security is a full-time job, especially when it comes to the amount of "worry time". When you are responsible for information security, you need that peace of mind that information security is being taken care of by specialists. And these specialists need to be people that understand the level of risk in your organisation and how to manage that risk.

Oyster IMS is an award-winning information management business who can act as a trusted advisor between you, your internal and external stakeholders, and the third parties we all have to deal with, providing the right level of advice, training and technical expertise across the whole information security spectrum.

... All of which *should* make it easier to sleep at night!

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