



# SAPPHIRE

## Supporting Local Government to Implement CAF

Local government is dealing with thousands of cyber attacks every day. There have been some significant successful attacks against local authorities in recent years. These impacted the ability of the authorities concerned to deliver their services, and recovery has lasted months, sometimes years, with costs running to millions of pounds.

The need for local government to build its cyber resilience - the ability of an organisation to prepare for, respond to, and recover from, cyber attacks and security breaches - has never been more important.

### Change is coming

As a consequence of the Government Cyber Security Strategy 2022-2030, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has been charged with adapting the Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) to be appropriate for local government.

CAF was developed by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to provide a systematic and comprehensive approach to assessing the extent of an organisation's ability to maintain cyber resilience.

MHCLG announced that The Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) for local government will be rolled out later in 2024 with the intent is to promote good cyber security practices and cultures in councils and support them to build their cyber resilience.

### What does this mean for local government?

It is anticipated that councils will undertake the CAF themselves. They will use their knowledge of their council and level of risk to decide what to prioritise for assessment.

However, to be in a position to complete the CAF for local governments, each council will first need to conduct a piece of discovery work.

### How Can Sapphire Help?

Understanding and aligning to a requirement such as CAF can seem daunting. But no matter what your starting point, Sapphire can support you through this journey, help you to identify what needs addressing and how to prioritise and implement your investment and project funding.



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## CAF Gap Analysis

Before you can get somewhere, you must first know where you are. While the CAF for local Government is piloted ahead of its roll out in 2024, and even though the scope is being reduced from the original CAF, doing work to get ahead of the curve and understanding where you are now will provide solid foundations to build on.

A CAF gap analysis will provide a thorough assessment of your organisation's current cyber security posture against the core principles of CAF.

- Managing Security Risk
- Defending systems against cyber attack
- Detecting cyber security events
- Minimising the impact of cyber security incidents

This analysis will identify areas where existing controls meet the CAF standards and highlights gaps that need to be addressed. By systematically evaluating these gaps, you can prioritise your cyber security efforts, ensuring a focused and efficient approach to achieving alignment with the CAF.

## CAF Compliance Report

On completion of the Gap Analysis, you will be provided with a CAF Compliance Report, which will detail the core findings of the analysis presented at both an executive-level and a technical-level, as well as providing a roadmap to achieving full compliance with the CAF

## CAF-Relevant Sapphire Services

If the Compliance Report identifies areas that need improvement, Sapphire offers a range of relevant services to meet your needs, assist your security transformation and increase operational resilience through a focussed security improvement program.

## Who is Sapphire?

Sapphire is a 100% UK owned and operated IT/OT security provider, and we bring 25 years of dedicated security expertise; cyber security is our only focus.

We have extensive experience in helping local authorities improve their cyber security posture.



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## Managing security risk

### Governance

- CISO as a Service
- ISM as a Service
- Compliance to Legislation and Regulation

### Risk Management

- CAF Gap Analysis
- Threat Assessments
- Open-Source Threat Intelligence
- Risk Management of IT/OT
- Penetration Testing
- Vulnerability Management
- Breach Attack Simulations
- Ransomware Simulation

### Asset Management

- IT/OT Asset Discovery
- IT/OT Asset Management
- Endpoint Management

### Supply Chain

- Business Impact Assessments
- Third-Party Risk Management

## Protecting against cyber attacks

### Policies & Procedures

- Policy Development
- ISMS Development
- Compliance Audits

### Identity & Access Control

- IT/OT Consultancy
- Identity & Access Management
- SOC Services

### Data & System Security

- Threat Intelligence & Assessments
- Open-Source Intelligence
- Penetration Testing
- Breach Attack Simulations
- Endpoint Management (EDR/XDR)

### Resilience Network & Systems

- Business Continuity
- Incident Response
- Managed Firewall

### Training & Awareness

- Security Awareness Training

## Detecting cyber security events

### Security Monitoring

- SOC Services
- Threat Intelligence
- SIEM
- EDR/XDR
- IT/OT Discovery
- Managed Firewall

### Proactive Security Event Discovery

- Incident Response
- SOC Services

## Minimising impact of cyber security incidents

### Response & Recovery Planning

- Incident Response Readiness
- Incident Response Management
- Business Continuity Planning
- Disaster Recovery Planning

### Response & Recovery Planning

- Debrief Sessions
- Improvement and Remediation Planning
- Security Improvement Plannin

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