

CISOs don't need replacing. They need a **senior second**.

Keystone provides independent counsel and delivery capacity alongside the CISO — working under your authority and carrying critical work through to completion.

Keystone can operate as **Deputy CISO, Chief of Staff to the CISO** — or without a formal title.



THE FOURTH LOAD

Strategy — where the programme is going

Delivery — the projects that get it there

Operations — keeping it running

The fourth load Lands on the CISO — reporting · evidence · assurance · governance · unowned priorities

Too important to leave unowned. Too constant for the CISO to carry alone.

THREE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Counsel

Independent judgment and confidential support for consequential decisions.

Office of the CISO

Ongoing senior capacity for governance, executive coverage and delivery follow-through.

Mission

One defined outcome, owned through completion on an agreed date.

WHAT CAN COME OFF YOUR DESK

Board, executive & regulatory reporting

The metrics, evidence and narrative — ready before you are asked.

Assurance & programme governance

Evidence maintained, dependencies managed, actions carried to closure.

Cross-functional priorities

Important work spanning teams, held by one accountable owner.

Strategic missions

Operating model, audit readiness, security-spend review or another defined outcome.

Representative scope. Priorities are agreed and sequenced through the engagement.

HOW KEYSTONE DELIVERS

You · the CISO
set scope & priorities

under your authority

Your partner
accountable · by name

leads delivery

Delivery team
managed by Keystone

One accountable partner

Senior, client-facing and not rotating off.

A multidisciplinary team

Selected and managed by Keystone.

Fixed fees, not per-head

Investment reflects operating intensity and agreed outcomes.

Outcomes, not hours

Milestones, dependencies and completion criteria agreed upfront.

A second, not a substitute. Keystone strengthens the security leader already in place. We work alongside your team, under your authority and without a competing mandate.

Request a conversation

Tell us what is consuming your leadership capacity this quarter. We'll tell you what we can take off your desk — and how.

Fifteen minutes. Peer to peer. No deck.

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