

Case Study: Establishing Enterprise Architecture at Elysium Healthcare

Client: Elysium Healthcare

Industry: Healthcare and Mental Health Services

Engagement Duration: 6 months

Executive Summary

Elysium Healthcare, one of the UK's leading providers of specialist healthcare services, engaged Co Valere to design and embed a formal Enterprise Architecture (EA) practice. Rapid organisational growth, fragmented technology landscapes, and increasing regulatory pressures highlighted the need for architectural governance and a capability-driven approach to align business and IT. Within six months, Co Valere delivered a pragmatic, future-ready EA foundation, equipping Elysium to make confident, well-governed technology decisions and accelerate its digital transformation.

Business Challenge

Elysium Healthcare faced the common but critical challenges of a fast-growing organisation:

- Fragmented and inconsistent systems landscape
- Technology decisions made in isolation, lacking strategic alignment
- Limited visibility of business capabilities and supporting IT assets
- Upcoming digital initiatives with no central architectural oversight
- Regulatory obligations requiring improved governance and traceability

Without an established EA practice, these factors risked undermining operational efficiency, compliance, and long-term technology sustainability.

Co Valere's Approach

Co Valere partnered with Elysium to establish a comprehensive, pragmatic EA capability, aligned to industry standards yet tailored to the organisation's unique needs.

Key Activities Included:

- ✓ **EA Governance Design:** Embedded core governance processes to guide technology decision-making at all levels
- ✓ **Architecture Principles & Standards:** Developed clear, actionable principles to steer IT investments and solution design
- ✓ **Business Capability Model:** Delivered a domain-specific model, mapped to Level 3 depth, enabling capability-driven architecture decisions
- ✓ **Integration & Automation Strategy:** Created a targeted roadmap to replace failing, costly legacy integration tools with modern, efficient solutions
- ✓ **EA Tool Selection Framework:** Provided a structured, criteria-driven approach for selecting EA management tools, supporting a thorough and objective RFP process

Our approach was grounded in TOGAF principles but extended to accommodate Elysium's agile decision-making culture and internal processes, ensuring relevance and practical adoption.

Results & Benefits

In just six months, Elysium Healthcare achieved significant progress in maturing its technology landscape:

- ✓ **Clearer Technology Decision-Making:** Architecture governance processes now guide strategic and operational technology choices
 - ✓ **Improved Business-IT Alignment:** The Business Capability Model provides a common language and structure for aligning IT initiatives to business priorities
 - ✓ **Greater Visibility:** Enhanced understanding of the IT estate and supporting capabilities enables better planning and risk management
 - ✓ **Strategic Integration Roadmap:** A clear path forward to modernise integration and automation, eliminating legacy risks and costs
 - ✓ **Foundation for Growth:** Elysium is now equipped with a scalable EA practice to support future digital initiatives and regulatory compliance
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About Co Valere

Co Valere helps organisations establish robust, pragmatic Enterprise Architecture and integration capabilities that deliver measurable business outcomes. We combine leading frameworks, modern tooling, and real-world experience to help clients navigate complexity, reduce risk, and unlock the full potential of their technology landscape.

Ready to mature your Enterprise Architecture practice?

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