

Kieron Harding

Lead Platform Engineer

Platform engineer focused on making cloud infrastructure secure, resilient, efficient and a pleasure for teams to operate.

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EXPERIENCE

Lead Platform Engineer

Team Matrix · Jul 2026 — Present

Platform leadership. Primary infrastructure contact across business-critical services, setting technical direction and providing operational support.

Cost optimisation. Leading cloud and platform cost-reduction work while protecting performance, resilience and scalability.

Simpler foundations. Partnering with development teams to bring services in-house and improve long-term maintainability.

Security assurance. Supporting audits, penetration tests and remediation activity from an infrastructure perspective.

Senior Cloud Engineer

VFX Financial PLC · Jun 2025 — Jul 2026

Modernised delivery. Improved CI/CD reliability, consistency and delivery speed across platform services.

Migrated infrastructure as code. Moved automation from PowerShell to Terraform for repeatable, scalable provisioning.

Reduced cloud costs. Identified and delivered savings without compromising performance, resilience or security.

Senior DevOps Engineer

Matrix Security Watchdog · Mar 2024 — Jun 2025

Designed the core platform. Led implementation and cost optimisation with high availability and security by design.

Improved automation and security. Strengthened IaC, cloud management, posture and GitLab processes for scalable delivery.

Enabled teams. Mentored junior engineers and worked with architects and stakeholders on CI/CD improvement.

DevOps Engineer

Matrix Security Watchdog · Nov 2020 — Mar 2024

Built resilient infrastructure. Used Terraform, Kubernetes, Azure and GitLab to deliver a highly available 24/7/365 service.

Accelerated releases. Reduced production deployment times by 65% through CI/CD optimisation.

Reduced vulnerability windows. Automated patching to cut vulnerability lifetime windows by 90%.

Digital Solutions Consultant

Security Watchdog · Feb 2019 — Nov 2020

Introduced Azure Sentinel. Implemented Azure Sentinel in preview, improving visibility across the estate.

Delivered critical change. Managed a telephony migration and partnered with Microsoft on business-critical issues.

Supported compliance. Helped information-security teams enforce policy and compliance.

SELECTED IMPACT

Core platform evolution

A stronger platform foundation that helps teams ship securely and quickly.

Outcomes: Terraform-led infrastructure improvement · Faster production iteration · Continuous performance and cost tuning

Cloud cost optimisation

Right-sizing cloud resources without trading away reliability.

Outcomes: 30% cloud-spend reduction · Data-led cluster autoscaling · Kubernetes workload migration

Security & compliance overhaul

Automation that makes a secure default easier to maintain.

Outcomes: Automated Terraform patching · Shorter time-to-market · Improved infrastructure posture

CAPABILITIES

Cloud & platform · Automation · Delivery · Observability · Security · Data