Principal Data Platform Engineer

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Company: Group Support Services

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More about the team

The Data and Platform Engineering team are the foundation for the Data Office function. Responsible for designing, building, and maintaining PfP's data platform we extract data from source, transform it into a usable format, load it into consumer models and marts and build and manage the infrastructure to do all this work.

Data Engineering are transforming the way PfP consumes data, transitioning from On Premise to Google Cloud. This is an exciting time to join a growing business function and gain hands on experience working with market leading technology such as BIG Query, Looker, Data Flow, and more.

More about your role

The Principal Data Platform Engineer is a leading role in our Cloud Services Team. Responsible for leading and managing the operation and optimisation of our data platform.

Working closely with Architects, Data Engineers, Data Analysts, Data Scientists, Project Managers and Heads of Departments. The primary focus will be on data set and table management, deployment and configuration of the data platforms components and designing and implementing monitoring and optimisation strategies to enhance platform performance.

Additionally, the Principal Data Platform Engineer will take an active role in the design and roll out of access & security controls, GDPR compliance, governance and change management as well as supporting day to day operations for Data Engineering.

The role will lead DevOps / DataOps activities within the Data Engineering function and be the link between Data Engineering and the Cloud Infrastructure and Network teams.

More about you

You are an experienced and talented data platform engineer with a proven track record and hands on experience with Google Cloud Platform. You are a talented engineer who will confidently approach problems in a logical manner. You are proactive and organised, someone who looks for problems before they become real issues by making operational status and performance visible. You will also take a protective stance to ensure that risks to the platforms are minimised in line with business appetite.

Keen to learn new tech. You will be self-motivated with excellent leadership skills, capable of driving innovation and mentoring team members.

Experience & Skills

3+ years Data Platform Engineer or similar role with strong track record.

Expertise in data platform architecture, configuration, and optimisation with a focus on MPP databases like Google BigQuery.

Strong proficiency in Data Engineering best practices including dataset and table management, data pipelines, access & security, GDPR compliance, monitoring, and alerting.

Experienced with DevOps and Agile.

Exceptional problem solving and analytical skills.

Good understanding of Google's Big Query platform.

Benefits

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