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# GDPR overview

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## Objectives (1)

- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – what is the rationale behind the change.
  - Understand key terms in Data Protection Law.
  - Key changes under the GDPR and how to apply them to your business.
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## Objectives (2)

- Apply your mind to any risk areas in your organisation ahead of the implementation date (25 May 2018).
- What can you do now to prepare?

# The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – rationale

- General message – more onerous obligations than Data Protection Act 1998
  - Great disparity between UK and other EU member states as to how personal data safeguarded
  - Harmonisation of data subjects' rights, security and sanctions
  - UK to implement changes post-Brexit through a new Data Protection Bill
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## Jargon Buster (1)

- Personal Data
  - any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject');
  - an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person

## Jargon Buster (2)

- Special categories of personal data (formerly sensitive)
  - Racial or ethnic origin
  - Political opinion
  - Religious or philosophical beliefs
  - Trade union membership
  - Genetic and biometric data used to uniquely identify a natural person
  - Health data
  - Sex life or sexual orientation
- Criminal conviction data treated the same way

## Jargon Buster (3)

- Controller
  - alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data
- Processor
  - processes personal data on behalf of the controller (need Article 28 written agreement)
- Processing
  - any activity that involves the use of Personal Data. It includes obtaining, recording, holding, organising, amending, retrieving, using, disclosing, erasing, and transmitting to third parties.

## What are the principles

- Lawful, fair and transparent
- Limited and specific purpose
- Adequate, relevant and not excessive
- Accurate and kept up to date
- Not kept longer than is needed for the purpose the data has been collected
- Security
  - Transferring personal data outside the EU

## Lawful conditions for processing

- Consent
  - Performance of a contract or in order to take steps at the request of an individual to enter into one
  - Legal obligation
  - Vital interests of the individual
  - Necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or the exercise of official authority vested a public body
  - Legitimate interests.
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## Conditions for Special Categories

- Article 9 GDPR – limited
  - Data Protection Bill – much more
  - Key message – processed under narrow circumstances and with tighter controls
  - Consider how you use this type of data and why
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## Changes – right to be informed (1)

- Essentially through privacy notices that are already required.
  - Concise, transparent, intelligible and easily accessible
  - Written in clear and plain language
  - Free of charge
- Code of practice sets out a layered approach

## Changes – right to be informed (2)

- What you need to tell individuals depends on if you obtain information directly from them or not.
- Key points to cover:
  - Controller's and DPO's contact details
  - Purpose of and legal basis for processing
  - Details of transfers to third countries and the safeguards in place
  - Retention periods
  - Data subject's rights – including right to withdraw consent
  - Any automated decision making, any profiling and how they will be used to make decisions

## Changes – right of access (1)

- Subject access request
  - The reason?
    - So that individuals are aware of and can verify the lawfulness of processing
  - Goodbye fee – cannot charge £10 as is the case under DPA
  - Provide requested data in 1 month (currently 40 calendar days)
  - Can extend time for providing information up to 2 months when requests are complex or numerous.
  - Individuals must be informed within one month that an extension is being applied and why

## Changes – right of access (2)

- Request is manifestly unfounded or excessive:
  - May charge a fee
  - May not have to comply
  - Must tell the individual within one month why organisation is not complying and the right to complain to the ICO

## Changes – data portability (1)

- New right
- Allows individuals to obtain and reuse their personal data
- Some organisations already have this agreed within sectors
- Applies to:
  - Personal data provided by the individual to the controller
  - Processing is based on the individual's consent or for the performance of a contract; and
  - Processing is carried out by automated means

## Changes – data portability (2)

- Controllers must provide personal data:
    - In a structured;
    - Commonly used; and
    - Machine readable form.
  - Free of charge
  - Can be required to directly transmit the data to another organisation
  - Must respond without undue delay
  - If not responding, explain why within one month
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## Other rights

- Right to object to processing
  - Need compelling grounds to continue if legitimate interests
- Right to restrict processing
  - Used whilst addressing inaccurate data and alongside rectification
- Right to rectification
  - Address inaccuracies in data stored
- Right to erasure
  - Not absolute right, only when there is no compelling reason to still process the data

## Changes – breach notifications (1)

- New obligation
  - Must report a breach to ICO that is likely to risk the rights and freedoms of individuals
    - Report to ICO within 72 hours of breach
  - Must report to individual concerned if there is a high risk
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## Changes – breach notifications (2)

- What do you need to include in your report?
  - ✓ The nature of the personal data breach including categories of individuals and personal data concerned
  - ✓ Details of point of contact at the controller (DPO?)
  - ✓ Description of likely consequences of the breach
  - ✓ What measures have been taken or proposed to be taken

## Changes – accountability and transparency

- Data protection is no longer a tick box exercise
- Must be able to demonstrate compliance with the data protection principles. How?
  - Implement technical and organisation measures to meet compliance
  - Maintain documentation on processing so that it can be mapped
  - Use data protection impact assessments:
    - When using new technologies; and
    - Processing is likely to result in a high risk to rights and freedoms of individuals
  - Record of processing activities

## Changes – mandatory Data Protection Officer (DPO)

- Good practice to have somebody in the organisation who “owns” data protection
- It is a mandatory requirement to appoint a DPO if:
  - Controller is a public authority
  - Organisation carries out large scale systematic monitoring of individuals or
  - Carries out large scale processing of special categories of data or data relating to criminal convictions

## Changes - Consent

- Updated definition which requires a higher threshold.
  - must be a freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the individual's wishes through clear affirmative action or statement
- Not the only condition for processing.
- Must have the requisite consent for direct marketing to an individual.
- Must evidence what consent was given, when and how it was obtained.
- Must allow the right to withdraw consent and advise individuals about this.

## What can you do now? (1)

- Be aware of GDPR / reform developments
  - Your organisations should be already taking steps to comply
  - Know your policies, procedures and contacts within the organisation responsible for compliance
  - ICO website and legal news – abundance of current awareness, newsletters and guidance at your fingertips
- Be compliant with current legislation and ICO Guidance
  - ICO website – key for resources

## What can you do now? (2)

- Know your data and how you use it
- Audit consent
  - When do you seek it?
  - When do you rely on other conditions for processing?
  - Is it deficient?
  - High-risk areas e.g. direct marketing

## What can you do now? (3)

- Risk areas:
  - Security
  - Your status – data controller or data processor?
  - International (including EU) transfers
  - Direct marketing
  - CCTV

## What can you do now? (4)

- Designate a DPO
  - Do you need a mandatory DPO? If not, consider implementing the position in some form
- Compliance training
  - Currently one of biggest failings yet one of easiest ways of raising awareness and reducing risk of breaches



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