

# DATA PROTECTION AND INFORMATION SECURITY HANDBOOK

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## 1. Introdution to this handbook

# **Executive summary:**

Data protection law in the UK and Europe has been strengthened. This makes it even more important, for the Students' Union and our members, that privacy is integrated into our day to day work. We cannot afford data protection to be an afterthought.

With this in mind, this handbook has been designed to give employees and volunteers who handle data an appreciation of the legal requirements that the Union must abide by to ensure that they comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

The Students' Union needs to collect personal information about people with whom it deals in order to carry out its business and provide its services. Such people include students, employees (present, past and prospective), suppliers, third parties and other business contacts. This information can include name, address, email address, date of birth, private and confidential information and occasionally sensitive information. In addition, we may occasionally be required to collect and use certain types of such personal information to comply with the requirements of the law.

No matter how data is collected, recorded and used (eg on a computer or other digital media, on hard copy, paper or images, including CCTV) this personal information must be dealt with properly to ensure compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018.

The appendices in this handbook contain further detailed information and example documentation which employees and volunteers will find useful. The content of this handbook is correct at the time that it was issued and will be updated from time to time as privacy legislation changes.



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# 2. Quick reference guidance

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# 3. Introduction to the regulations

# **General Data Protection Regulations**

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a law based on the EU equivalent that came into effect on 1 January 2021. The Data Protection Act 2018 is the framework for data protection laws in the UK and the DPA 2018 sits alongside and supplements the UK GDPR. This handbook, associated policies and procedures are all designed to ensure compliance with these regulations.

# **Controllers and processors**

Buckinghamshire New University is the controller for data collected for its services and activities whereas Bucks Students' Union is the data controller of student records forming our membership records.

A processor is an individual or company responsible for processing personal data on behalf of the controller - for example student groups or National Governing Bodies.

As a processor, the GDPR places specific legal obligations on you. For example, you are required to maintain records of personal data and processing activities. You will have legal liability if you are responsible for a breach which can extend to individuals.

However, controllers are not relieved of obligations where a processor is involved and the UK GDPR places further obligations on us to ensure our contracts with processors comply with the regulations.

The UK GDPR applies to processing carried out by organisations operating within the UK.

The UK GDPR does not, however, apply to certain activities including processing covered by the Law Enforcement Directive, processing for national security purposes and processing carried out by individuals purely for personal/household activities.

#### Personal data

The UK GDPR applies to 'personal data' meaning any information relating to an identifiable person who can be directly or indirectly identified, in particular by reference to an identifier.

This definition provides for a wide range of personal identifiers to constitute personal data, including name, student ID number, location data or online identifier, reflecting changes in technology and the way organisations collect information about people.

The UK GDPR applies to both automated personal data and to manual filing systems where personal data are accessible according to specific criteria. This could include chronologically ordered sets of manual records containing personal data.



# Special categories of data

There are special categories of data, previously known as sensitive data, which require special measures of risk control to be in place. Data falling within this category includes:

- biometric data (where used for identification purposes)
- genetic data
- personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin
- personal data revealing political opinions
- personal data revealing religious or philosophical beliefs
- personal data revealing trade union membership
- data concerning health
- data concerning a person's sex life
- data concerning a person's sexual orientation.

Personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences are not included, as separate rules apply, but similar additional safeguards apply to its processing. See guidance from the ICO on criminal offence data or speak to the Union's Data Protection Officer for further advice. Certain positions may also require a DBS check and this information will be retained on the individual's personnel and HR records, where necessary.

## **Principles of data processing**

Under the UK GDPR, the data protection principles set out the main responsibilities for organisations. These principles require data to be:

- processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject ('lawfulness, fairness and transparency')
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with
  those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or
  statistical purposes shall, in accordance with Article 89(1) of the UK GDPR, not be considered to be incompatible with the
  initial purposes ('purpose limitation')
- adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed ('data minimisation')
- accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay ('accuracy')
- kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the
  personal data is processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed
  solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in
  accordance with Article 89(1) of the UK GDPR subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational
  measures required by the UK GDPR in order to safequard the rights and freedoms of the data subject ('storage limitation')



processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised
or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational
measures ('integrity and confidentiality').

There is an additional duty imposed on data controllers that "the controller shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate, compliance with the principles." The Students' Union ensures compliance through the training, procedures and policies in place relating to data processing and information security. The Union annually reviews the data that we hold to ensure that everything remains compliant and is being stored in the correct manner.

# Individual's rights and freedoms

The UK GDPR provides the following rights for individuals. This part of the handbook explains these rights and our standard organisational response to these rights when processing data.

# The right to be informed

The right to be informed encompasses our obligation to provide 'fair processing information', which is done typically through a privacy notice. It emphasises the need for transparency over how we use personal data. The Union publishes privacy notices on our website at bucksstudentsunion.org/privacy for students (members of the Union), employees, clients and suppliers, consumers, the alumni network and other third parties, which must be referred to at the point of data collection or when processing third-party data.

#### The right of access

Individuals have the right to access their personal data and supplementary information which allows them to be aware of and verify the lawfulness of the processing. Individuals requiring access to the data the Union holds on them must complete a Subject Access Request (SAR) form.

The Union must respond to these requests within 30 days of the request. Therefore, any staff member or volunteer receiving a Subject Access Request form must send this to the Data Protection Officer within five days of receipt to ensure they can coordinate the assimilation of the individual's data within the timeframe.

## The right to rectification

Individuals are entitled to have personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete. It's vital that we retain a clear trail of where information has been disclosed to third-parties as we must inform them of the rectification, where possible.

As with the right of access, the Union must respond within one month of receipt of request to rectify data. Any employees or volunteers receiving a request to rectify data should contact the Data Protection Officer who will coordinate the rectification of the individual's data within the timeframe.

## The right to erase

The right to erasure is also known as 'the right to be forgotten'. The broad principle underpinning this right is to enable an individual to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing.



A large majority of data the Union processes relates to the delivery of service. Individuals must be informed that erasure of their data will not only mean inability to serve them, but, if complete erasure from Union records is required, this will result in termination of membership. Individuals should be asked to contact the Data Protection Officer who will be able to coordinate the administration of the erasure. Requests for erasure are to be fulfilled within 30 days of the request.

If you have disclosed the personal data in question to third-parties, you must inform them about the erasure of the personal data, unless it is impossible or involves disproportionate effort to do so.

## The right to restrict processing

Individuals have a right to 'block' or suppress processing of personal data. When processing is restricted, you are permitted to store the personal data, but not further process it. An example being members opting out of receiving email communications.

For data processing activities, such as email, the Union provides automated opt-out systems which the individual can use to limit our processing. For processes where automated systems are not available, individuals should be asked to contact the Data Protection Officer who will be able to coordinate the administration of restricted processing. As with erasure, restrictions of processing may result in the Union's inability to serve the individual with a specific service or activity, and where data have been shared with third parties, they must be informed of the restrictions.

#### The right to data portability

The right to data portability allows individuals to obtain and reuse their personal data for their own purposes across different services. It allows them to move, copy or transfer personal data easily from one IT environment to another in a safe and secure way, without hindrance to usability. The Union collates and typically provides data in CSV formats. Individuals can request their data using the Subject Access Request form and the Union will respond to these requests in the same timeframe as the access requests detailed previously.

## The right to object

Individuals have the right to object to processing based on legitimate interests or the performance of a task in the public interest/exercise of official authority (including profiling); direct marketing (including profiling); and processing for purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics.

Much of the Union's data processing activities are based on consent, contract, legitimate interests, research or direct marketing so it's important that employees are aware of this right. As with erasure and restrictions, objection to processing may result in the limitation of service provision. The process identified for restriction should be followed for objections.

## Rights in relation to automated decision-making and profiling

The UK GDPR provides safeguards for individuals against the risk that a potentially damaging decision is taken without human intervention. The Union does not make automated decisions about individuals that may be damaging without any form of human intervention.



# **Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations**

The Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) sit alongside the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR. The regulations give people specific privacy rights in relation to electronic communications. There are specific rules on:

- marketing calls, emails, texts and faxes
- cookies (and similar technologies)
- keeping communications services secure
- customer privacy as regards traffic and location data, itemised billing, line identification, and directory listings.

The ICO has several ways of taking action to change the behaviour of anyone who breaches the PECR. They include criminal prosecution, non-criminal enforcement and audit. The Information Commissioner can also serve a monetary penalty notice by imposing a fine of up to £500,000.

The key requirement of the PECR is that individuals contacted by these methods must have given their prior consent other than in very limited circumstances. The PECR does not consider that contacting people as a default unless they have opted out is satisfactory. They look for evidence that individuals have given their explicit consent before any communications take place. This can make contacting potential members complicated when it comes to information which is about educational and campaigning matters.

Soft opt-in consent is only acceptable when the following three criteria are met:

- 1. The contact details were obtained from the individual during a sale or negotiation of a sale for a product or service. For the Students' Union, this will usually be when a person is becoming a member or we are contacting an existing member.
- 2. The communications relate to similar products or services.
- 3. The option to opt out (or unsubscribe) was provided when the data was collected and is included on each and every subsequent communication.

The conditions are specific and so cannot be relied upon in many situations. Difficulties can arise when using a member's mobile or home telephone number to send campaigning messages if the number was not initially collected for the purpose of campaigning. Instead, for example, during registration as a driver or purchasing tickets.

It is therefore very important to know why the personal data that you have was collected in the first place.

#### Freedom of Information Act

The Students' Union, although a representative body for students at a publicly funded institution, is not itself a public body. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOI Act") only applies to public bodies. Any FOI requests which come into the Students' Union should be forwarded to the Data Protection Officer for review and response. However, the standard response is that the FOI Act does not apply to the Students' Union and therefore the information will not be provided. The statement that we use to reply to these requests can be found at bucksstudentsunion.org/privacy.



# 4. Individual responsibilities

All individuals handling data on behalf of Bucks Students' Union have a responsibility for compliance with these procedures. An overview of responsibilities is contained within the **Union's Data Protection and Information Security Policy**.

Before collecting any data for processing, the following forms must be completed alongside the Data Protection Officer.

- Data collection assessment form
- Privacy impact assessment form

Where the lawful reason for processing data is identified as a legitimate interest, the following form must also be completed alongside the Data Protection Officer for balancing agreement:

Legitimate interest assessment form

The consequences of getting data processing wrong are substantial. Not only can it erode trust in our organisation and damage our reputation, but it may also leave the Union, and those who have inappropriately handled the data, open to substantial fines under the UK GDPR. Article 83(5)(a) states that infringements of the basic principles for processing personal data, including the conditions for consent, are subject to the highest tier of administrative fines. This could mean a fine of up to £17.5 million, or 4% of your total worldwide annual turnover of the preceding financial year, whichever is higher.

Requests relating to data protection should be sent to the Data Protection Officer by email to sudataprotection@bnu.ac.uk.

Where the Data Protection Officer is not able to respond to enquiries within the given timeframe, due to extended leave, sickness, or any other reasonable reason, an appropriate person within the organisation must be delegated authority and responsibility to handle data protection enquiries. In these circumstances, any queries should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer or the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.



# 5. Key activities and data protection procedures

# **Employee administration**

This section covers data processing activities relating to how the Union handles employee data for administration purposes.

#### Recruitment

Potential employees' personal data can be collected as long as the people are aware their data is being recorded and retained. It is imperative that the data collected about potential employees is not excessive, by avoiding collecting more information than is needed, and that it is stored securely and not shared with anyone who has no need to see it. A retention period should be set for this information and, once this time period has elapsed, the data should be disposed of securely ie deleted from a computer or shredded/placed in a confidential waste bin or baq if it is in paper form.

#### **Employee records**

When starting employment with the Students' Union, employees sign a contract which provides consent to process personal information, special categories of data and transferring this data in the delivery of services such as payroll, insurances and for advice. A retention period is set within the Employee Data Privacy Statement. Once this time period has elapsed, the data should be disposed of securely ie deleted from a computer or shredded or placed in a confidential waste bin or bag if it is in paper form. Employees have a responsibility for ensuring their data remains up-to-date.

# Membership administration

This section covers data processing activities relating to how the Union handles membership data for administration purposes.

# Students' Union membership records data set

Annually, Buckinghamshire New University forms registration contracts with students. This process automatically makes a student a member of Bucks Students' Union, unless they choose to opt-out at enrolment. We believe that the legal basis for having access to this information falls under legitimate interests as our activities and services form an integral part of contract between the student and University. When the University gives us this data, we become responsible for it and will use this as our core central record of membership.

These records are managed by the Students' Union Communications and Marketing team and direct access to this data is restricted. Other teams within the Union have access to basic information, such as name, student ID number, date of birth and address details.

#### Student groups membership data set

The Students' Union provides a membership management platform that facilitates memberships of various different student groups. When student groups gather additional information at various events, such as freshers' or re-freshers' fairs they will need to ensure they include the relevant statements which will outline the reasons for gathering the information and a link to the relevant privacy statement.



Employees or student groups must not transfer data to third-parties without the explicit consent from the individual students.

Access levels to the membership system are assigned by the Communications and Marketing team and individual users must use their own credentials to login. Additionally, the members of staff that have access to our membership system is reviewed on a frequent basis.

The data may only be processed for the purposes outlined in the Data Collection Assessment form.

If you wish to use this data for any purpose other than what has been declared on the Data Collection Assessment Form then you must consider this a new use and follow the procedures set out below for collecting data or using third-party data - in particular the Privacy Impact Assessment.

#### Using data extracts from the membership system

Data extracts from the membership system must only be used in line with the appropriate processing activities set out in the Data Collection Assessment form. Employees processing the data must ensure that the information is:

- not circulated widely
- only made available to authorised data handling individuals
- only used for the specific purpose for which it was collected
- held securely
- securely destroyed after use.

Below is a table of things to do and not do, which you should consider when processing data from membership systems.

Do	Do not
Only extract and use the information that is needed to	Extract more than you need for a task. A lack of time is
complete a task.	not a legitimate reason for not considering the exact data
	needed.
Only use data for one task. A new list should be extracted	Provide information to others not involved in the task for
for each task. This makes sure the data that is being used	which the data was extracted.
is up-to-date and accurate.	
Keep the information on systems and networks that are	Email information to a personal email address or save it
recognised as being acceptable for Union and University	onto a personal device for any reason.
work.	
Take care when taking personal data out of the Union	Keep the information that you have got to use for a very
buildings. Only take the information if it is necessary, keep	similar exercise that you know you're going to do in the
it safe and return it as soon as possible.	future.
Update the relevant staff member responsible for the data	Leave personal data that has been taken out of the office
if an individual's information is out of date.	unattended.
	Put information into a normal bin - use a secure disposal
	bin or bag. Someone else could find it and misuse it.



#### **Data cleansing**

This is a crucial activity in the run up to freshers' and elections processes. It is natural, in an educational landscape, for members to leave, change course, or change status and it's therefore vital the Union cleanses its data regularly.

There are processes for the removal of members in specific scenarios:

#### • Removal of membership rights

Where disciplinary processes, or opt-out processes, result in the removal of a member from the Students' Union, the Data Protection Officer shall share the name and student ID with relevant departments to ensure removal from Union databases. The Data Protection Officer shall also ensure that any student groups and third parties who process the individuals data are informed.

#### Death of a member

Where a member is deceased, it is vital their data is removed from Union systems to prevent unrequired communication that may distress relatives. The Students' Union Data Protection Officer shall share the name and student ID with relevant departments to ensure removal from Union databases. The Data Protection Officer shall also ensure that any student groups and third-parties who process the individual's data are informed.

# **Membership communications**

As is explained in section two of this handbook (about the PECR), contacting members for some activities by email requires specific opt-in consent. The UK GDPR states that the processing of personal data for direct marketing purposes may be regarded as carried out for a legitimate interest. Such legitimate interest could exist, for example, where there is a relevant and appropriate relationship between the data subject and the controller in situations such as where the data subject is a client or member. A Legitimate Interest Assessment form should be completed for membership communications to ensure balancing of the interests of the data subject.

## **Emailing**

The ICO has stated that all email addresses are personal data. It is therefore essential that when bulk communicating with members, using email distribution lists, that the following provisions are made:

- Individuals who have opted out of mailings, apart from statutory information, such as elections and voting, are not included in mailings.
- The blind carbon copy (BCC) field on the email address line is used.
- If a member informs the Union that they no longer wish to be contacted via email, their name and contact details must be removed from the distribution list and a note made that they have not consented to receive emails. The only exception to this is if the message contains statutory Union information and cannot be provided to the member in another way.
- An option to unsubscribe to similar communications is added to the bottom of the email each time a message is sent out.



#### Supporting platforms

The Communications and Marketing team are responsible for providing, maintaining and monitoring platforms which facilitate the communication with members.

Through the website, there is a bulk email platform which is accessible to various departments in the Union with the Communications and Marketing team having oversight of this platform. Where possible, all bulk emails should go through the website to ensure they go to the right audience and that the appropriate links are included to either unsubscribe or view our privacy statements.

It is important to have appropriate systems and checks in place if staff you are sending out emails directly to individuals. This will ensure the right content is being sent to the right individual and that we minimise any potential breach of data. If in doubt, ask the Data Protection Officer.

#### **Commercial Marketing**

Solely purposed commercial marketing, through email, must only be delivered to those who have opted-in to receive messages.

## **Representing members**

## **Democratic platforms**

The Union is legally obliged, by the Education Act 1994, to engage and facilitate students in elections processes which requires processing specific data. The data used for this activity is the membership data provided by Buckinghamshire New University.

For all other democratic processes the Union requires consent to process the data. This is because individual's personal data is made publicly accessible during many of the functions and a legitimate interest balance may not be achieved. Consent statements are detailed within the Data Collection Assessment forms and must be displayed at the point of engagement.

As with all forms of data collection, a retention period must be clearly established and data securely deleted by the parties controlling the platforms the data is held within at the point this period expires.

# Research and insights

This section covers data processing activities relating to how the Union undertakes research activities.

The Students' Union insight gathering activities, such as surveys, are undertaken by consent. Records of individuals views, unless anonymised, are considered personal data and as such are subject to the rights and freedoms detailed previously in this handbook.

Data published must not individually identify any person without their explicit consent, however, anonymised data from all datasets maybe be processed and published for statistical purposes. Data should only be collected through the agreed platforms and by authorised individuals.

As with all forms of data collection, a retention period must be clearly established and data securely deleted by the Communications and Marketing team at the point this period expires.



#### **Service administration**

This section covers data processing activities relating to how the Union delivers administration of services for members, suppliers, contractors and visitors. This data can include:

- bank account details for the purpose of making payments
- · commercial clients for the purposes of credit control and management
- drivers details for insurance purposes
- events customers for the purposes of ticket management
- retail customers for the purposes of fulfillment, delivery and order management.

Employees processing this data must ensure that the information is:

- not circulated widely
- only made available to authorised data handling individuals
- only used for the specific purpose for which it was collected
- held securely
- securely destroyed after use.

#### Third-party data

Where the service uses third-party data to facilitate the service administration, there must be a declaration of its use to the individuals whose data is being processed. This must be delivered within one month of obtaining the data, at the point of first communication or prior to disclosure to any further parties. Should the third-party notify the Union, or the Union become aware of any errors in data, this must be rectified within one month of notification.

Third-parties requiring the erasure of data, or applying restrictions in processing, are required to notify the Data Protection Officer who will, subject to our rights to refuse, undertake all reasonable procedures to ensure the erasure of the individual's data from Union records. Where the Union's Data Protection Officer advises employees of a restriction or erasure notice you are required to abide by this notice.

# **Duty of Confidence**

Due to the nature of our work, and acting as a representative organisation for students, in certain circumstances, we are duty bound to protect the rights of other individuals, or other third parties, where information is disclosed to us confidentially. Where information is disclosed to us in express confidence, we have an obligation to respect this and we may treat this information as being exempt under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. This will be treated on a case by case basis and we will endeavour to disclose as much information as possible, within the permitted boundaries of the law and respecting the duty of confidence to other individuals. The Advice Centre has a separate Confidentiality Policy that specifically outlines how data is handled by this department and the duty of confidence to users of this service.



# 6. Information security procedures

## **Data storage**

#### Hard copies, file notes, incoming and outgoing letter correspondence

The Students' Union has a duty to ensure that data is held securely. Provisions that employees must consider putting in place include:

- lockable filing cabinets
- a clear desk policy
- secure storage for archived files
- secure destruction: using a shredder or confidential waste bin.

#### Electronic data

The same requirements apply to electronically held data. Provisions, that employees must consider putting in place, include

- using storage on the University network
- password protection on all files containing personal data
- use of the Union's secure platforms for processing data
- up-to-date antivirus and malware systems (provided through University DTS team)
- adequate firewalls (provided through the University network)
- secure destruction of IT equipment.

# **Disposing of IT equipment**

Even if you think you've deleted data from your computer it's likely to remain somewhere in some form, so disposing of IT equipment securely is essential. This will be dealt with by the Communications and Marketing Manager who will liaise with the DTS team for secure disposal and destruction.

#### **CCTV** recordings

CCTV units are not networked and access to the systems are through password protected platforms. This data may only be accessed by management of The Venue or law enforcement agencies. All CCTV units are subject to the provisions set out in the respective Data Collection Assessment form.

#### **Email security**

Your network login and email account is individually assigned to you and should not be shared with others. In an employee's absence, or for specific investigation purposes, only emails may be accessed by authorised individuals and authority is granted by the Chief Executive Officer only.

You should take the following steps to ensure the security of your email content:

Consider whether the content of the email should be encrypted or password protected. If sending a spreadsheet
containing personal data this must be password protected and the password sent in a separate email.



- When you start to type in the name of the recipient, some email software will suggest similar addresses you have used before. If you have previously emailed several people whose name or address starts the same way eg "Dave" the autocomplete function may bring up several "Daves". Make sure you choose the right address before you click send.
- If you want to send an email to a recipient without revealing their name or email address to other recipients, make sure you
  use blind carbon copy (bcc), not carbon copy (cc). When you use cc every recipient of the message will be able to see the
  address it was sent to.
- Be careful when using a group email address. Check who is in the group and make sure you really want to send your message to everyone.
- Never click on a link or share any information with anyone that you don't recognise. If in doubt, check with the Data
  Protection Officer, your line manager or an individual with sufficient technological expertise.

# **Sharing information**

Whenever the Union uses a third-party processor we must to have a written contract in place. The contract is important so that both parties understand their responsibilities and liabilities. Examples of third party processors include:

- Buckinghamshire New University
- sports affiliated bodies and national governing bodies
- payroll and other services eg pension
- website hosting.

As the controller for certain elements of data, the Union is liable for ensuring our compliance with the UK GDPR and we must only appoint processors who can provide sufficient guarantees that the requirements of the regulations will be met and the rights of data subjects protected.

Third-party processors must only act on the documented instructions of a controller. They will, however, have some direct responsibilities under the UK GDPR and may be subject to fines or other sanctions if they don't comply.

The Union has a standardised data sharing contract which may be used where the data processor does not have their own standardised format. An example data sharing agreement can be found within Appendix A. However, this should be drawn up in consultation with the Data Protection Officer before being sent to the organisation for signing.

The UK GDPR places restrictions on the transfer of personal information outside of the United Kingdom

and as such no employees shall transfer data outside of this area or use non-authorised platforms that might be at risk of this without the explicit consent from the Data Protection Officer. If you are in doubt of this, it is best to seek advice from the Data Protection Officer.

## Releasing information to prevent or detect crime

The police or other crime prevention/law enforcement agencies sometimes contact data controllers or data processors and request that personal data is disclosed in order to help them prevent or detect a crime. All such requests must be referred to the Data Protection Officer.



The Students' Union does not have to comply with these requests, but the regulations do allow organisations to release the information if they decide it is appropriate. Before any decision is made about disclosure, the Information Commissioner asks that organisations carry out a review of the request. This includes considering:

- the impact on the privacy of the individual(s) concerned
- any duty of confidentiality owed to the individual(s)
- whether refusing disclosure would impact the requesting organisations ability to detect, prevent or prosecute an offender.

If a decision is made to refuse, it is possible that a subsequent court order may be made by the requesting organisation for the Students' Union to release the information. If such a request is received by an employee, please refer the requestor to the Data Protection Officer.

# Information security breaches

A personal data breach means a breach of security leading to the destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data. This means that a breach is more than just losing personal data.

A data security breach can happen for a number of reasons, including:

- loss or theft of data or equipment
- inappropriate access controls allowing unauthorised use
- equipment failure
- human error
- unforeseen circumstances such as fire or flood
- hacking attack
- deception of the organisation through 'blagging' offences.

#### **Detecting data breaches**

Detecting a data breach or the potential of a data breach can happen in a variety of ways. The table below identifies some of the methods of detection and processes for handling such detections.

<b>Detection method</b>	Action for potential breach	Action for actual breach
Employee detection	If you think you have identified a	Immediately report the matter to
	potential for data security to be	the Data Protection Officer or line
	breached you must immediately	manager, isolating any potential for
	inform your line manager and the	further breach where appropriate.
	Data Protection Officer. They may	The DPO and other involved parties
	immediately cease processing this	should follow the below action plan
	data until the potential for breach is	
	resolved based upon an assessment	
	of the risk to individuals privacy.	



Accidental breach (such as loss of	If there is a high likelihood of this	Immediately report the matter to
laptop)	breach happening you should	the Data Protection Officer or line
	immediately adjust your processes	manager, isolating any potential for
	and procedures to reduce the	further breach, where appropriate.
	likelihood. Always ensure data is	The Data Protection Officer and other
	secured and encrypted as detailed	involved parties should follow the
	in the information security section	below action plan.
	of this handbook. Consult the Data	
	Protection Officer or line manager	
	where appropriate.	
Audit or assessment	The Union conducts yearly	Immediately report the matter to
	data audits of its spaces and IT	the Data Protection Officer or line
	infrastructure. These may highlight	manager - isolating any potential for
	weaknesses in the organisations	further breach where appropriate.
	information security and should be	The DPO and other involved parties
	responded (with advice from the Data	should follow the CIRP detailed
	Protection Officer) in a timely manner	below.
	to ensure data privacy of individuals.	
Complaint from either an individual,	Where there is a risk of complaint	Immediately report the matter to
organisation or legal representative	arising from the processing of data	the Data Protection Officer and a
	that may raise to being a legal matter	member of the Senior Management
	processing must immediately cease,	Team of the Union. The Data
	the Senior Management Team must	Protection Officer and other involved
	be advised and comprehensive	parties should follow the CIRP
	guidance may be sought from the	detailed below.

# **Reporting data breaches**

Where an employee, volunteer, supplier or contractor discovers a data breach they must report this to the Data Protection Officer within 24 hours.

The Information Commissioner's Office shall be notified within 72 hours of the breach where there is a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals such as discrimination, damage to reputation, financial loss, loss of confidentiality or any other significant economic or social disadvantage.

Where there is a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals they shall be notified directly also as detailed in the Cyber Incident Response Plan outlined below.

## **Investigating data breaches**

The Union takes all data breaches seriously and will investigate all potential and actual data security breaches. The process for actual data breaches is outlined below in the Cyber Incident Response Plan.



## **Cyber Incident Response Plan**

In the event of a data security breach the Data Protection Officer shall coordinate the Cyber Incident Response Plan outlined below:

#### **Containment and recovery**

The following activities must be completed within 72 hours of any breach notification:

- The Data Protection Officer shall identify the appropriate specialist, either internal or external, to investigate the breach and
  ensure that they have the appropriate resources.
- The investigating party shall establish who needs to be made aware of the breach and inform them of what they are
  expected to do to assist in the containment exercise. This could be isolating a piece of equipment, finding a lost piece of IT
  hardware or simply changing the access codes to a certain space.
- The investigating party shall also establish whether there is anything that can be done to recover any losses and limit the
  damage the breach can cause, as well as the physical recovery of equipment. Where appropriate the police should be
  informed.

## Assessing the risk

Some breaches may be minor and not lead to risks beyond an inconvenience. However, some breaches, such as theft of a customer database, with which identity fraud could be committed, are much more serious. Before deciding what steps to take beyond immediate containment there must be an assessment of the risk. The investigating party should assess:

- what type of data is involved
- how sensitive is the data
- if the data has been lost or stolen are there any protections in place such as encryption
- what has happened to the data and could it be used of purposes harmful to individuals
- regardless of what has happened to the data, what could the data tell a third-party about an individual
- how many individuals' personal data are affected by the breach
- who are the individuals whose data has been breached
- what harm can come to those individuals
- are there wider consequences to consider such as a loss of public confidence
- if individuals' bank details have been lost, consider contacting the banks themselves for advice.

#### **Notification of breaches**

Where appropriate, it is important to inform people and organisations of a data security breach. Informing people about a breach is not an end in itself. Notifications should have a clear purpose to either allow the ICO to perform its function, provide advice, deal with complaints or enable individuals to take steps to protect themselves.

- The Data Protection Officer shall identify if there are any legal or contractual requirements to comply with in the event of a security breach.
- The Data Protection Officer shall identify whether to notify the affected individuals by considering the risk to those
  individuals and the part they can play in mitigating those risks such as changing passwords or changing building access
  codes. The investigating party should also consider the risks of over notifying where 200 members of a student group
  are affected, a notification to the 11,000 members of the Union would be disproportionate.



- If notifying individuals there should be specific and clear advice on the steps they can take to protect themselves and also what you are willing to do to help them.
- The Data Protection Officer shall work to identify whether the Information Commissioner's Office needs notifying.
   Notifications to the ICO should include details of security measures in place, security procedures in place and the time of the breach.
- The Data Protection Officer should also consider what third parties, such as the police, insurers and professional bodies, require notification. The Union has an insurance policy that provides specific legal and data breach support.

#### **Evaluation and response**

It is important not only to investigate the causes of the breach but to evaluate the effectiveness of the organisation's response to it and the measures in place to prevent it happening again. The Data Protection Officer shall curate an evaluatory body of relevant employees to ensure procedures, policies and equipment is of sufficient security standard to avoid future breaches in this mechanism.

# **Disposing of data**

The Union is committed to keeping data for the minimum time necessary to fulfil its purpose.

- Member data: In line with University policy, member (student) files shall be removed from six years after a student graduates or otherwise leaves the University.
- **Employee data:** The Union will keep employment history data about former employees for 100 years from the date of birth in order to verify employment details of former staff. Most other data will be removed a minimum of six years after their employment with the Union has finished, in order to meet data needs for pensions, taxation, potential or current disputes, or job references.
- Health and safety data: The Union will keep health and safety records of accidents that happen for three years after the
  date of accident.

Paper based records shall be disposed of in a confidential waste sack, confidential waste bin, or shredded. Electronic records will be deleted through the decommissioning of equipment by the University DTS department and digital records shall be deleted from databases at source.



# 7. Requests for an individual's own data

## The rights of the individual

Under the Data Protection regulations, an individual has a right to request all the personal data that an organisation holds about them. They also have a right to know the source of the data, the purposes that it is being held, for example to process an individual's membership, and who it has been shared with. The individual needs to make the request in writing.

Individuals requesting access must provide some form of identification and information about the data they are seeking. Subject to the verification of the individual's identity, and the specific requirements, within one month of request receipt, the Union shall provide:

- confirmation that their data is processed
- access to their personal data
- other supplementary information as outlined by law.

In most cases, a Subject Access Request (SAR) form should be completed and provided to the Data Protection Officer for distribution of appropriate actions. However, Subject Access Requests can be sent in anyway by individuals, including online, over the phone or even through social media. Any individual or department receiving a Subject Access Request must share this with the Data Protection Officer within five working days. The Data Protection Officer must respond to the request within one month of receiving the initial request and proof of identity.

Data we need to provide can include:

- details held on the membership system including notes
- case files including handwritten notes, emails, letters etc
- CCTV footage
- photographs
- records of any contact with the Union
- complaint files
- research activity
- records of third parties the data is shared with.

The scope of the search includes Union activities, services, central services and trading activities and any other organisation which is processing data on the Students' Union's behalf. It is important to note that email and hardcopy exchanges between Students' Union officials and representatives to each other and to/from regional officers with reference to any representations or issues with members or other individuals may have to be considered for disclosure in response to a SAR. So please:

- keep any documented information factual
- carry out periodic housekeeping on email and other information sources as necessary
- keep a file note of the source of any incoming information (it helps when dealing with a subject access request to know if the requestor already has a copy of the document)
- only copy into emails those people who need to know
- do not use abusive or derogatory language in emails or other documents
- do not include any personal opinions in email or other documents
- do not use email when a telephone call will do.



# What to do if a request for subject access is received by an employee

If a verbal request is received, the employee should inform the individual that they need to put their request in writing – details of the address they should contact are included within all privacy statements displayed at bucksstudentsunion.org/privacy.



# 8. Do's and don'ts when handling data

When it comes to GDPR, there is a lot of information to process, in terms of handling data and remaining complaint when it comes to legislation. This section is aimed at providing a summary of some simple do's and don'ts.

- 1. When you process data, ensure that it is accurate, relevant and not excessive in relation to your needs.
- 2. Do not process personal data unless you are sure that you and your team have a lawful basis for doing so.
- Do not write any comment about individuals that is unfair or untrue and that you would not be able to defend, if challenged.
   Remember, anything that you write about an individual will be seen by them, should they make a Subject Access Request (SAR).
- 4. If you download any personal data from any source, to share it internally or externally, it should be password protected. When you share the file, the password should be sent in a separate email.
- Do not disclose any information about an individual to an external organisation without first checking that the individual consents to such disclosure.
- 6. Protect people's privacy and personal data like it is your own.
- 7. Only keep data for as long as is needed and as documented in the impact assessments.
- 8. Use a shredder or the confidential waste disposal bin to dispose of any document containing person data, whether or not you consider it to be confidential.
- 9. Always lock your computer when you are away from your desk.
- 10. Ensure that all personal data is kept secure.
- 11. Apply password protection to any files that contain personal data.
- 12. Where possible, keep your office door locked and your desk clear of personal data when you are absent. Any paper files should be kept in a locked drawer or filing cabinet.
- 13. Avoid processing personal data offsite, where possible. If you are working off-site with data, ensure an adequate level of protection and be careful that individuals may be able to see your screen from behind you.
- 14. Any personal data should remain on the University's IT network and accessed through the VPN.
- 15. Do not use unauthorised platforms, such as Dropbox or Google Drive, when processing high risk personal data or sensitive information. These services are likely to be held outside the EU.
- 16. Do not sure home computers to process high risk personal data or sensitive information.
- 17. Do not process high risk personal data or sensitive information in public places. When accessing your email remotely, exercise caution to ensure that you do not download unencrypted high risk personal data or sensitive information to an insecure device.
- 18. Before pressing send on an email, and especially when you are emailing personal data, always check, check and check again that you are emailing the intended recipient.



# **APPENDIX**

# A guide to: Displaying privacy notices

At the point of data collection the Union will provide all individuals with an easily accessible processing notice or statement, free of charge and written in plain language, which will detail:

- the identity of the Union and contact details for the DPO
- the purpose and lawful basis for the processing
- any legitimate interests of the Union and the individual in the processing of the data
- any third-party recipients of the personal data
- details of transfers to countries outside of the UK and appropriate safeguards
- retention periods or criteria used to determine the retention period
- the right to lodge a complaint with the ICO and the right to object to processing
- the consequences of failure to provide, or removal of processing rights for personal data
- whether the provision of personal data is part of a statutory or contractual requirement
- the existence of automated decision making, how decisions are made and the consequences of this form of processing.

The Union has created several privacy statements, along with a cookies statement, for the website, along with a confidentiality statement for the Advice Centre, which must be clearly linked from any appropriate data collection form:

- Student Data Privacy Statement
- Employees, Applicants and Contractors Data Privacy Statement
- General Data Privacy Statement
- Alumni Network Privacy Statement
- Cookies Statement
- Advice Centre Confidentiality Policy



# A guide to: Identifying lawful processing

For processing to be lawful under the GDPR, you must identify a lawful basis before you can process any personal data. It is important that you determine your lawful basis for processing personal data and document this on the Data Collection Assessment form.

The table below identifies the lawful processing reasons, provides relevant examples and identifies any steps that must be taken to proceed with this processing method.

Lawful processing	Organisational examples	Next steps	
Consent of the data subject	Opting in to receive a commercial	There are specific requirements for	
	newsletter	gaining consent - please see advice	
		below for gaining consent	
Processing is necessary for the	Storage of the name and address of	A copy of this contract or terms and	
performance of a contract with the	individuals and processing of this to	conditions is available to view on	
data subject or to take steps to enter	send/fulfil an online purchase and	the website with the Consumer Data	
into a contract	manage returns programme	Privacy Statement covering the legal	
		basis for data processing	
Processing is necessary for	The HMRC requires the Union to	A note should be made on the data	
compliance with a legal obligation	provide certain information for tax	collection assessment form of the	
	purposes	legal obligation	
Processing is necessary to protect	If someone was in a medical position	Post releasing this data the Data	
the vital interests of a data subject or	that their personal information	Protection Officer should be advised	
another person	needed to be released to medical		
	practitioners to preserve life		
Processing is necessary for the	The Union does not process any data in the public interest		
performance of a task carried out in			
the public interest or in the exercise			
of official authority vested in the			
controller			
Necessary for the purposes of	Members could legitimately expect	A legitimate impact assessment must	
legitimate interests pursued by the	their information to be processed to	be completed to ensure a balance of	
controller or a third-party, except	enable membership focused services	interests is achieved. Details on how	
where such interests are overridden		to complete this are outlined below.	
by the interests, rights or freedoms of		The completed assessment must	
the data subject		be provided with the data collection	
		assessment.	
		Data collected relying on legitimate	
		interest must declare the legitimate	
		interest at the point of collection.	



# **Gaining Consent**

The UK GDPR sets an extraordinarily high standard for consent to put individuals in control, build customer trust and engagement, and enhance the organisations reputation. Consent means offering individuals genuine choice and control.

No longer can consent be assumed, there must be a positive opt-in, without pre-ticked boxes or other methods of consent by default. Explicit consent requires a very clear and specific statement of consent that's separate from other terms and conditions. If there are any third-parties that will have direct access to the data they must be specifically named and there must be a clear statement as to how to withdraw consent. This is done by a carefully curated consent statement at the point of opt in. The Data Protection Officer can help you to craft this.

In addition, there is a requirement to evidence consent, the systems used to obtain content must record: who, when, how and what the individual was told.



# A guide to: Processing special categories of data

There may be times when the Union processes special categories of data under the following conditions:

- explicit consent from the data subject
- carrying out obligations under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement
- protection of the vital interests of a data subject
- provided there is no disclosure to a third-party without consent (as a not-for-profit body)
- data made manifestly public by the data subject
- necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims
- for reasons of substantial public interests
- for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine, assessing working capacity, medical diagnosis and the provision of health or management services
- for reasons of public interest in the area of public health
- archiving purposes
- for statistical purposes.



# A guide to: Undertaking a legitimate interest assessment

A Legitimate Interest Assessment (LIA) is a balancing exercise designed to test the interests of the business against the interests and rights of individuals.

As a membership organisation there are large amounts of data processing that could reasonably be carried out under this lawful processing remit - as a member, individuals might legitimately expect their data to be processed in certain ways - as long as this processing does not significantly affect their rights and freedoms then this is a reasonable justification for processing of personal data.

There is a LIA form produced by the Union which must be completed to review the balance of interests. Having completed the form, without bias, if you feel that the individual's rights and freedoms are protected and/or there is an appropriate balance of interest towards the individual then you should proceed on the case that there is a legitimate interest. The LIA form can be obtained from the Data Protection Officer and once completed should be submitted to the DPO for oversight and recorded alongside the Data Collection Assessment Form. This information will then be added to the Union's GDPR and data collection tracker.

#### Step one: Identify the legitimate interest

Using the tick boxes identify the legitimate interests that you believe this form of processing holds

#### Step two: Identify who the data is about

Using the tick boxes, identify the individuals affected by this data processing

## Step three: Identify if there are any special categories of data being processed

Select either 'yes' or 'no' to identify the use of special categories of data

#### Step four: Identify any third parties processing the data

Detail in the comment boxes any third-party data sharing - who might they be and what processes are they going to undertake with the data

# Step five: Conduct a balancing test

Proceed through the questions answering either 'yes' or 'no'

## Step six: Identify safeguards

In the freeform text box, detail the identified safequards that will reduce any risk to individuals

#### Step seven: Review

To qualify for a legitimate interest, the rights of the individual must not be outweighed by the needs of the Union in processing. Working through the balancing test section, consider the individual's rights and ensure the balance leans in their favour to accept this form of legal processing. Ultimately there must be a real legitimate interest of the individual to accept this. If unsure, check with your line manager or the Data Protection Officer.



# A guide to: Undertaking a privacy impact assessment

A Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is a tool which helps the Union identify the most effective way to comply with our data protection obligations and meet individuals' expectations of privacy. Employees and volunteers, supported where appropriate by the Data Protection Officer, must undertake a PIA when starting any project that handles individuals' data. This could include: new IT systems, data sharing initiatives or using existing data for new purposes.

A PIA identifies the information flow, any risks to privacy, evaluates the solutions and provides a record of the outcomes to integrate into any plan. PIA's need not be a barrier to collection - the Union has a simple PIA form which should be obtained from the Data Protection Officer and, once completed, submitted back to the DPO with the Data Collection Assessment Form.

#### Step one: Identify the need

The majority of projects will need a PIA. However, it's worth checking that it definitely is needed. If you answer 'no' to all of the questions below you do not need to complete a PIA.

- Will the project involve the collection of new information about individuals?
- Will the project compel individuals to provide information about themselves?
- Will information about individuals be disclosed to organisations or people who have not previously had routine access to the information?
- Are you using information about individuals for a purpose it is not currently used for, or in a way it is not currently used?
- Does the project involve you using new technology which might be perceived as being privacy intrusive? For example, the
  use of biometrics or facial recognition.
- Will the project result in you making decisions or taking action against individuals in ways which can have a significant impact on them?
- Is the information about individuals of a kind particularly likely to raise privacy concerns or expectations? For example, health records, criminal records or other information that people would consider to be particularly private.
- Will the project require you to contact individuals in ways which they may find intrusive?

#### Step two: Describe the information flows and risks

The collection, use and deletion of personal data should be described here and it may also be useful to refer to a flow diagram or another way of explaining data flows. You should also say how many individuals are likely to be affected by the project.

You will also need to explain what practical steps you will take to ensure that you identify and address privacy risks. Who should be consulted, internally and externally? How will you carry out the consultation? You should link this to the relevant stages of your project management process. Consultation can be used at any stage of the PIA process.

#### Step three: Formally identify the privacy and related risks

In the previous step you identified the risks and consulted upon them. In this step you need to take the key privacy risks identified and the associated compliance and corporate risks.

#### Step four: Identify privacy solutions

Now transfer these risks and describe the actions you could take to reduce them, and any future steps which would be necessary (eq the production of new quidance or future security testing for systems).



# Step five: Sign off and record the PIA outcomes

Review these risks with your line manager and get sign off on these. If you need to consult further advice from the Data Protection Officer now is the last opportunity as part of this process.

# Step six: Integrate the PIA outcomes back into the project plan

As a privacy by design principle these risks and control measures should be built into the project that requires the data protection. Outline at this point who is responsible for implementing the solutions that have been approved and who is the contact for any privacy concerns which may arise in the future.



# **Data processor agreement for third-parties**

This Agreement is made on the [day] of [month] [year]

**BETWEEN** 

Bucks Students' Union ("the Union") whose registered address is: Queen Alexandra Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP11 2JZ

And

[Supplier name] ("the Supplier") whose registered address is: [supplier address]

**WHEREAS** 

- a. The Union wishes to engage the Supplier to process Personal Data on its behalf, and
- b. Each time the Supplier processes personal data on behalf of the Union the data will be processed on the terms and conditions laid out in this Agreement.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED THAT

#### Interpretation

The following terms:

"Data", "Data Controller", "Personal Data", "Data Processor" and "Processing" have the meanings given in Section 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

"Data Controller" means Bucks Students' Union or the Union.

"Duration" means the period of [day] of [month] [year] to the [day] of [month] [year] during which the data will be processed

"Personal Data" means [list of data to be transferred]

"Processing Activity" means [the nature and purpose of the processing]

"Confidential information" means the Union and the Data Controller's secrets and confidential information and extends to all knowledge or information relating to both, their organisation, finances, processes and membership information held by the Union.

#### Data processing

- 1. The terms of this Agreement shall apply for the Duration of the Processing Activity whenever the Supplier processes data on behalf of the Union.
- The Union, as the data controller, is liable for compliance with the UK GDPR and must only appoint processors who can provide 'sufficient guarantees' that the requirements of the UK GDPR will be met and the rights of data subjects is protected.
- 3. The Supplier, as a data processor, will:
  - 3.1 Act only on the written instructions from the Union (unless required by law to act without such instructions);
  - 3.2 Ensure that people processing the data are subject to a duty of confidence;
  - 3.3 Take appropriate measures to ensure the security of processing;
  - 3.4 Only engage a sub-processor with the prior consent of the Data Controller and a written contract;
  - 3.5 Assist the Union in providing subject access and allowing data subjects to exercise their rights under the UK GDPR;
  - 3.6 Assist the Union in meeting its GDPR obligations in relation to the security of processing, the notification of personal data breaches and data protection impact assessments;



- 3.7 Delete or return all personal data to the controller as requested at the end of the contract;
- 3.8 Provide the Data Controller with whatever information it needs to ensure that they are both meeting their Article 28 obligations, and tell the Data Controller immediately if it is asked to do something infringing the UK GDPR or other data protection laws; and
- 3.9 Ensure appropriate technical and organisational measures against unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data.

#### Confidentiality

- 4. The Supplier shall, both during this Agreement and after its termination (without limit in time), keep confidential and not use or disclose or attempt to use or disclose any confidential information supplied by the Union or its members, except as authorised or required by the purposes of this Agreement.
- 5. Confidential information will only be made available by the parties to those of their staff and agents who have a reasonable need to know of it. The documents or other materials and data or other information or copies thereof will not be made available to any third-parties except for professional advisers in confidence or if required by law.
- The Supplier shall not under any circumstances subcontract the processing of the Union's data without prior written permission from the Union to do so.
- 7. Either party is entitled to demand the return of any documents or other material or data or other information supplied to the other party under this Agreement within one month of giving the other party written notice.
- On the cessation or earlier termination of this Agreement, each party shall return to the other all documents or other material containing confidential information and destroy any surplus copies.
- 9. Paragraph 7 of this Agreement shall not apply to documents, other materials, data or other information which are already in the public domain at the time when they were provided by either party or if at any time the information becomes public knowledge through no fault of the other party.
- 10. Both parties undertake that any information which is received from the other party under this Agreement will only be used for the purposes of this Agreement.

#### Requests for information

11. The Supplier must inform the Union immediately (within two working days) of any requests it receives for copies of the Union data, and only respond to any such request as directed by the Union or the Data Controller. The Supplier shall also co-operate fully with any reasonable requests made by the Union or Data Controller in relation to any such requests.

#### Inspection

12. The Data Controller may, on reasonable notice and during business hours, inspect the Supplier's data processing facilities, data files and relevant documentation.

#### Indemnity

- 13. Nothing within this agreement relieves the supplier of its own direct responsibilities and liabilities under the UK GDPR.
- 14. The Supplier shall indemnify the Data Controller, against any loss or damage it sustains or incurs as a result of any loss, theft or un-repairable damage to the Union's data or any other failure by the Supplier to comply with its obligations under this Agreement, including any regulatory fine imposed on the Data Controller because of the Supplier's action or omission.

#### Governing law

15. This Agreement is subject to English Law and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.



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# Reporting a breach flowchart

