

Data Protection Webinar

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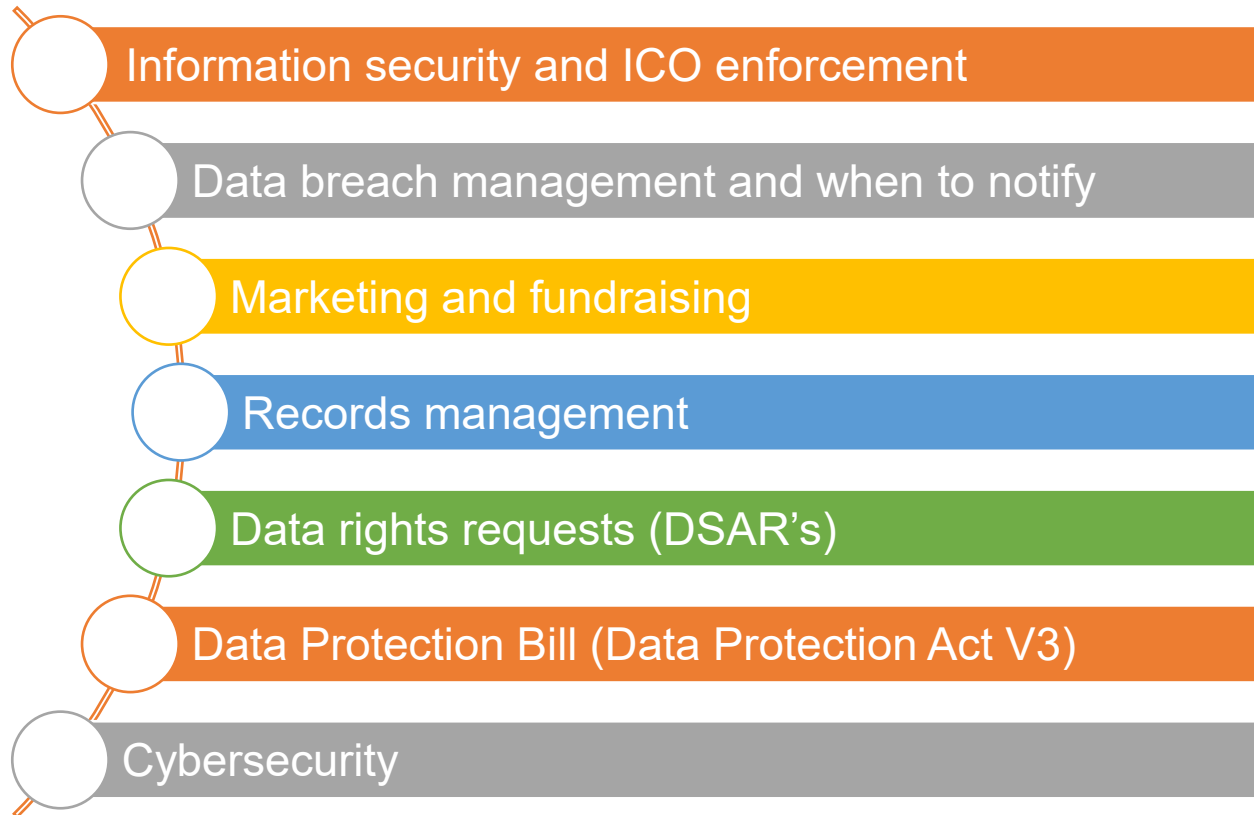
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Data Protection Act 2018 (UK GDPR)



Please ask questions
at any time

Some of what we will be covering



Quick update last 12 months



Data Protection Bill

Data Protection Act version 3 on its way maybe later this year. Is designed to remove red tape and make the life of data controllers and business easier



Breach reporting

Only significant breaches must be reported to the ICO, the ICO appear to be taking a sensible approach to what should be reported.



Fines

The ICO continue to focus on cybersecurity and marketing breaches these have accounted for most action in last few years



Data Controller

Hospice is the data controller of patient and staff data and ultimately responsible. However employees and volunteers can be held responsible if they use data in deliberately and malicious way.



Data rights

Steady increase in SAR's and deletion requests as was expected. The ICO are enforcing the 30/21 day rules and blocking charging for large requests



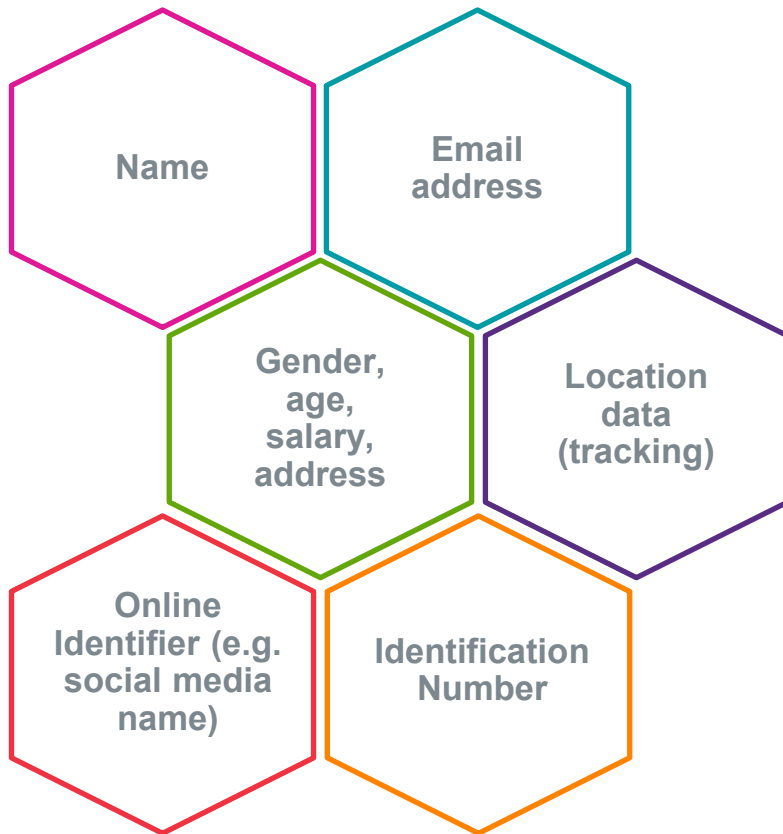
Codes of Practice

New statutory (enforceable) codes of practice written by the ICO for marketing, ePrivacy, data sharing, CCTV, children's data and HR with more on the way

What types of data are protected

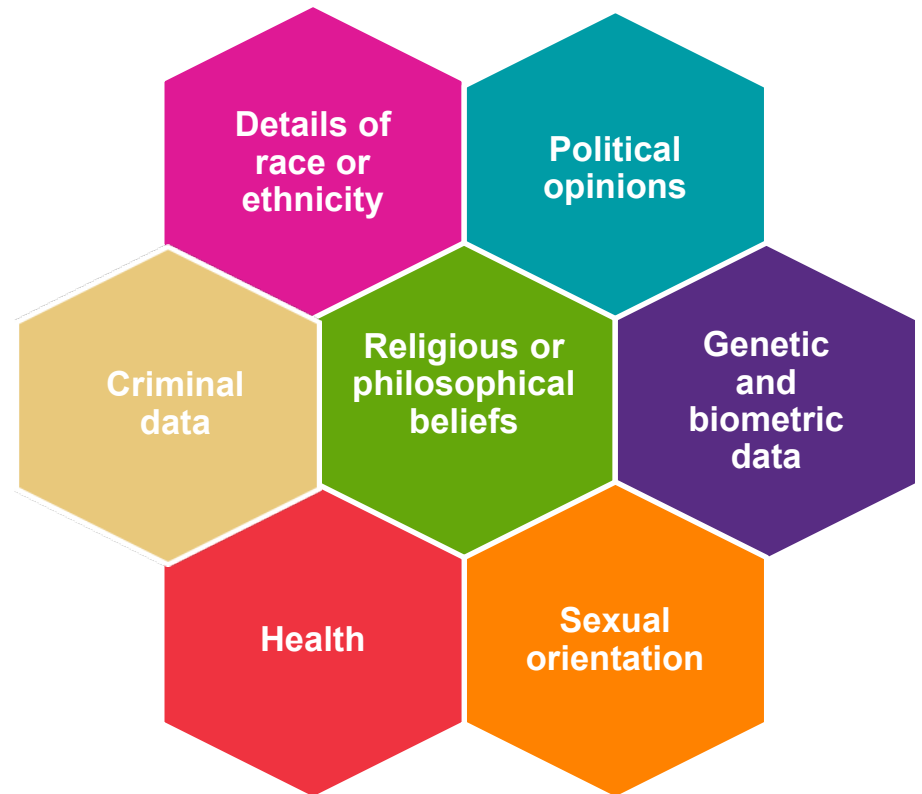
Personal Data (includes “work” data)

Information from which a living person
(‘data subject’) is identified or identifiable.



Special Categories of Personal Data

Personal Data that is particularly
sensitive (e.g. health information)

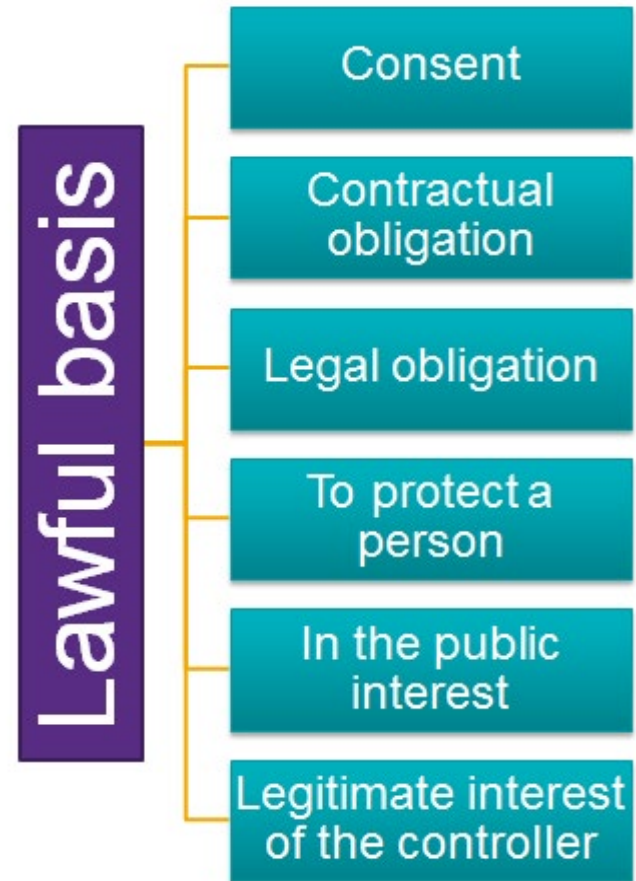


Principles and lawful processing

Principles

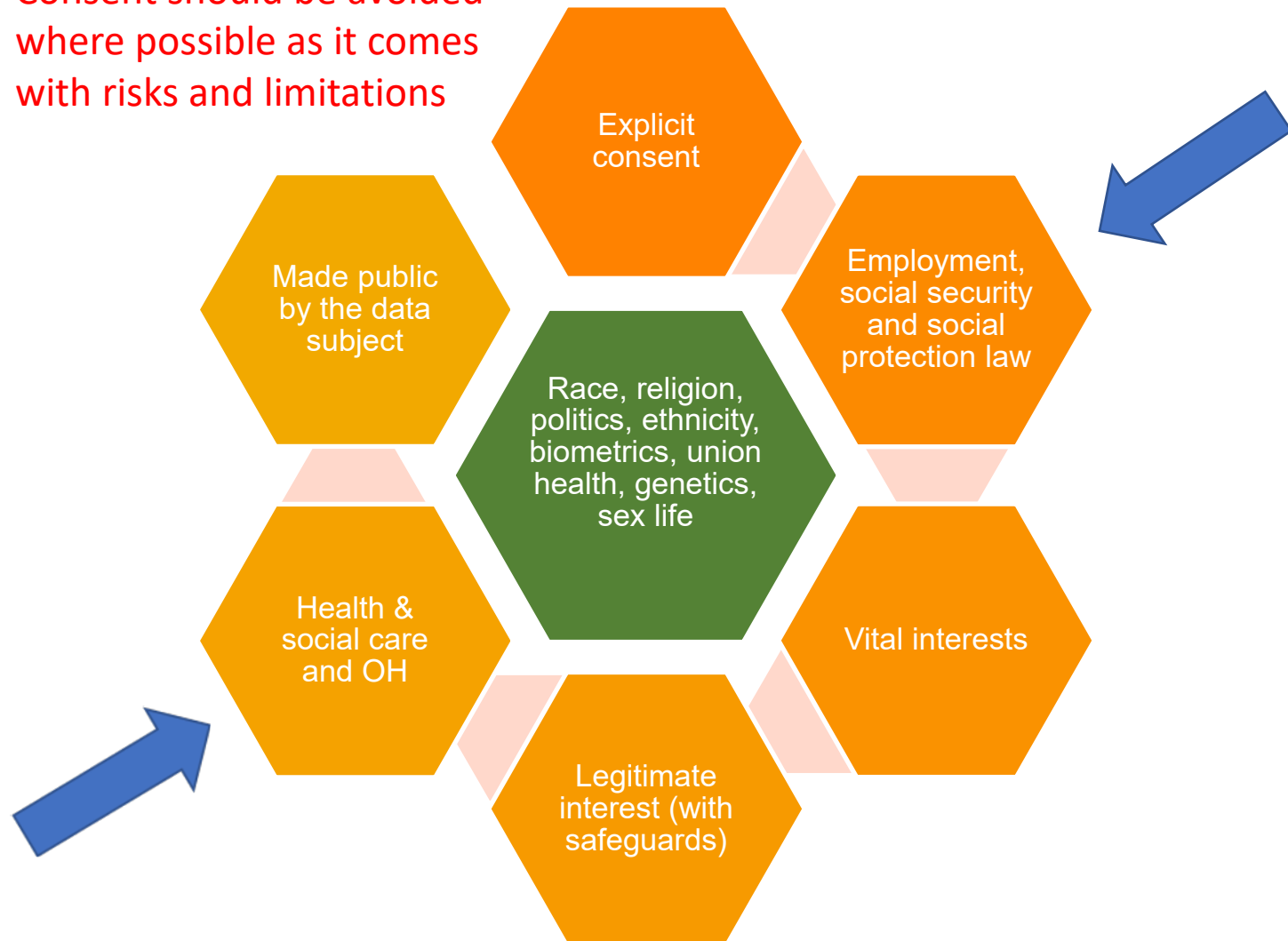


Basis



Processing special category data (sensitive)

Consent should be avoided
where possible as it comes
with risks and limitations



Accountability – evidence how you comply



Accountability

Just being compliant is no longer enough.

You must demonstrate how you comply by implementing:

- Policies
- Operational procedures
- Training
- Audit of the above

How to evidence accountability (compliance)

Regular staff training (DP and Cyber Security every year) – include a quiz

Policies and procedures (and make sure we all read them)

Try and make systems disaster proof

Use DPIA's to show you are processing sensitive data responsibly

Records management – keeping everything electronically is a good start

Periodically review systems, policies and procedures (audit)

Transparency (make sure data subjects can access privacy notices)

Make sure we all know what to do in the event of a data breach

Respect data subjects information rights

Data Protection and Information Security Policies

- Data Protection and Information Security Policies
 - Provide guidance on day-to-day management of data
 - **Essential that everyone reads them**
 - In the event of a data breach ICO will ask when you last read the policy
- Data Retention Schedule
 - Retention times for all categories of data
- Other policies covering breach, rights requests etc
- Employee and patient privacy notices
 - Detailed information on how the organisation uses employee and patient data. Everyone should familiarise themselves with them and notify the DPO if they feel they are no longer accurate. **Note:**
 - new projects using data may require privacy notices to be updated.

What must be included in a privacy notice

Identity of the data controller

Purpose of the processing and legal basis

Categories of the personal data

Any recipients including processors

Retention period

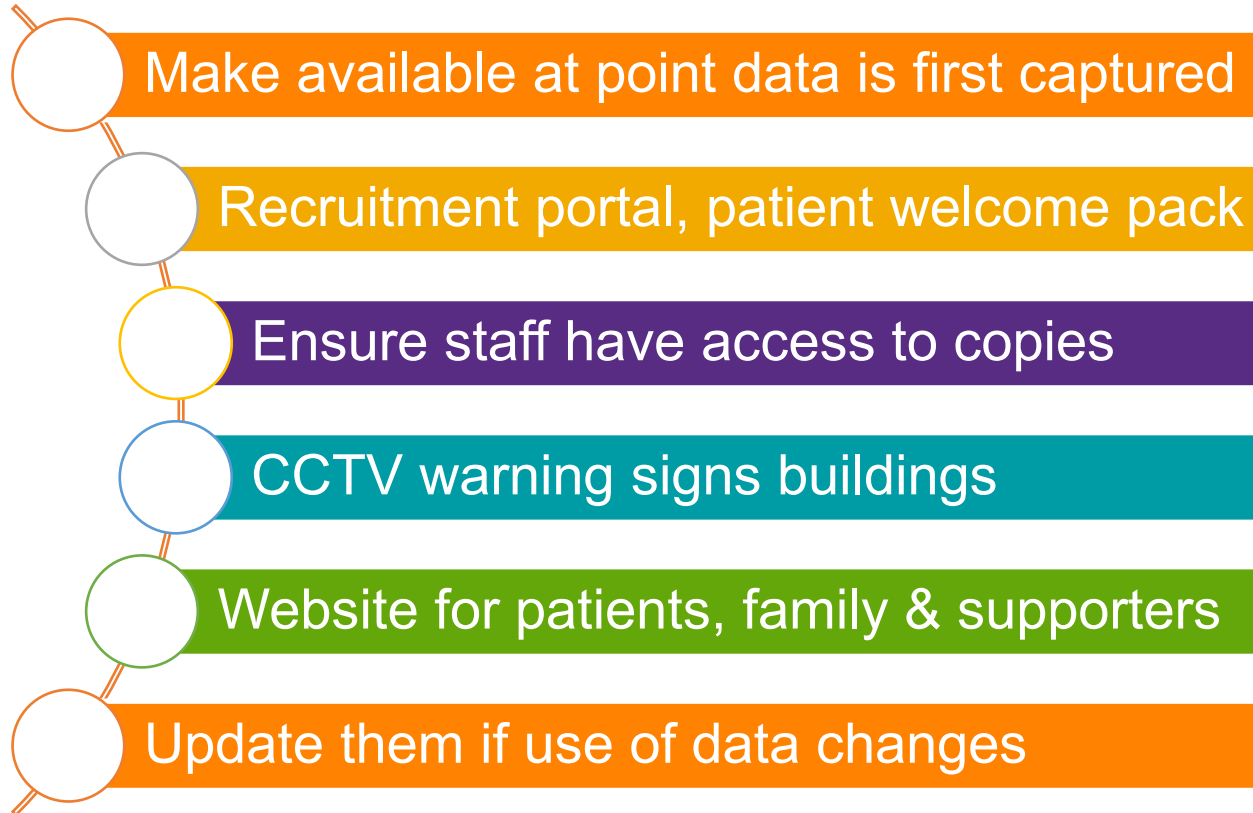
Data subjects rights

Source you obtained data from (eg public domain)

Any negative outcome by not consenting to the processing

Any automated decision making

Use and publication of privacy notices





**DATA
RETENTION**

**Data security and
enforcement**

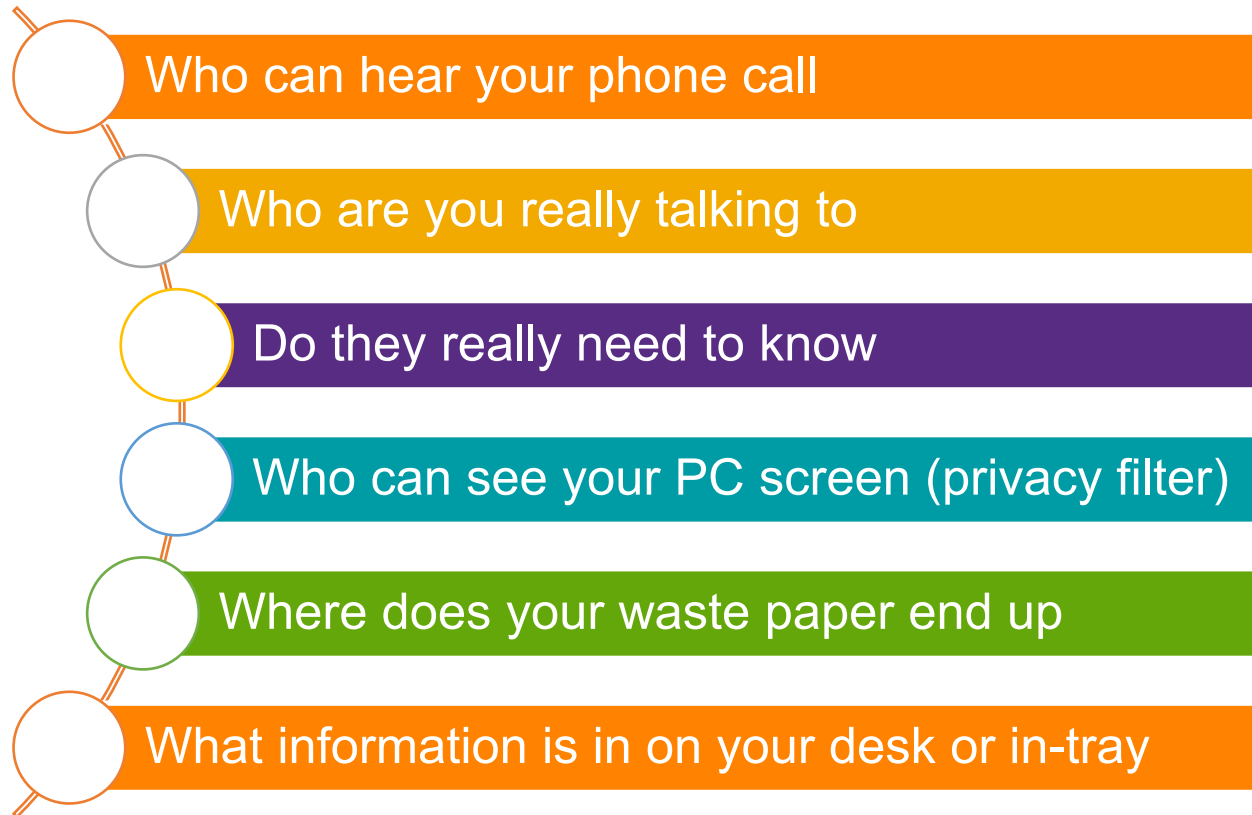
**SUBJECT
ACCESS
QUESTIONS**

CONTRACT

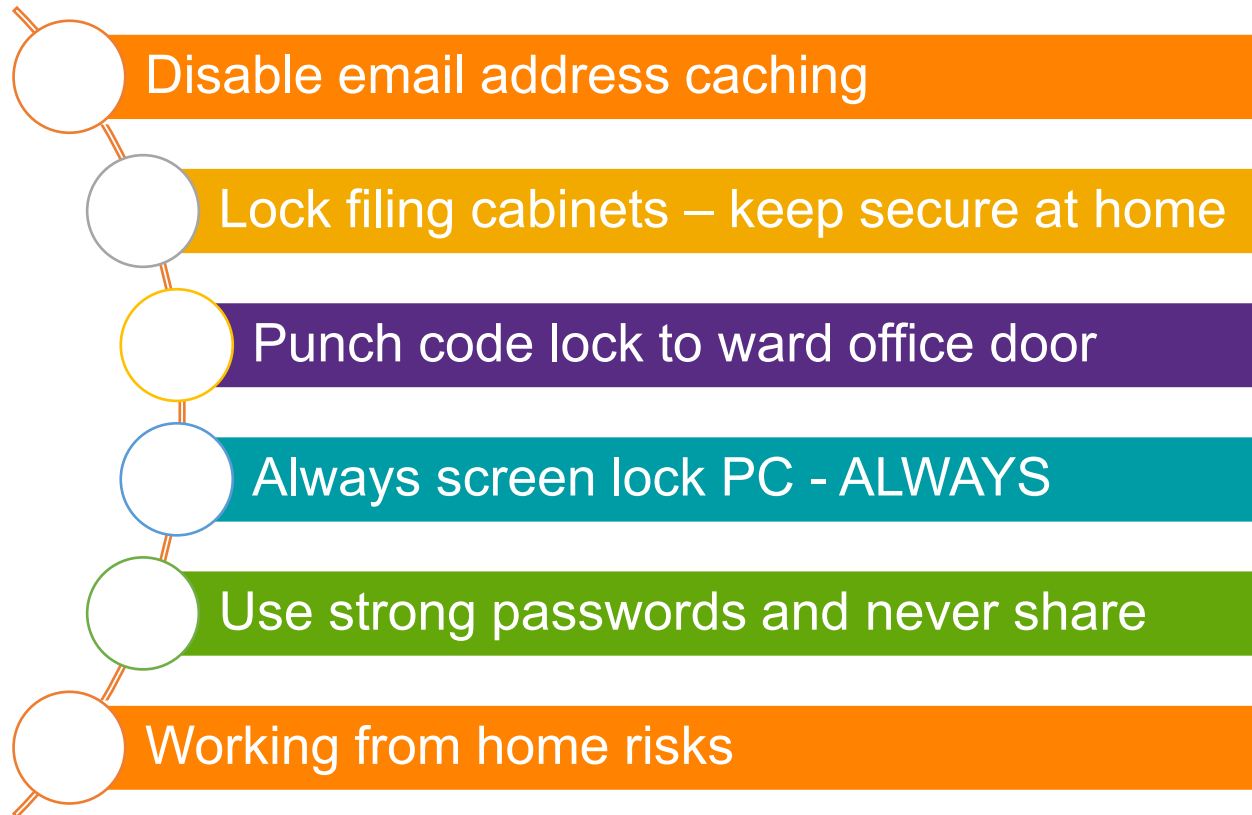
TERMS OF AGREEMENT

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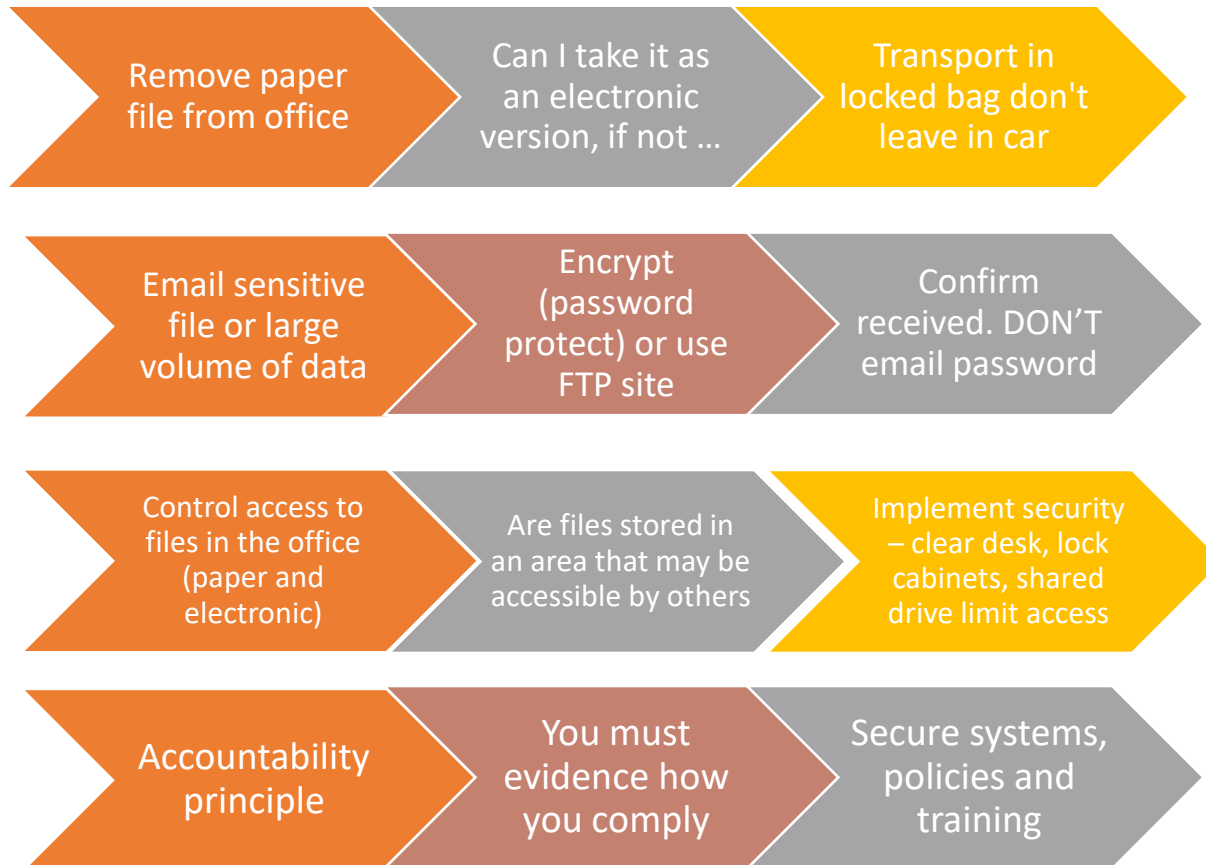
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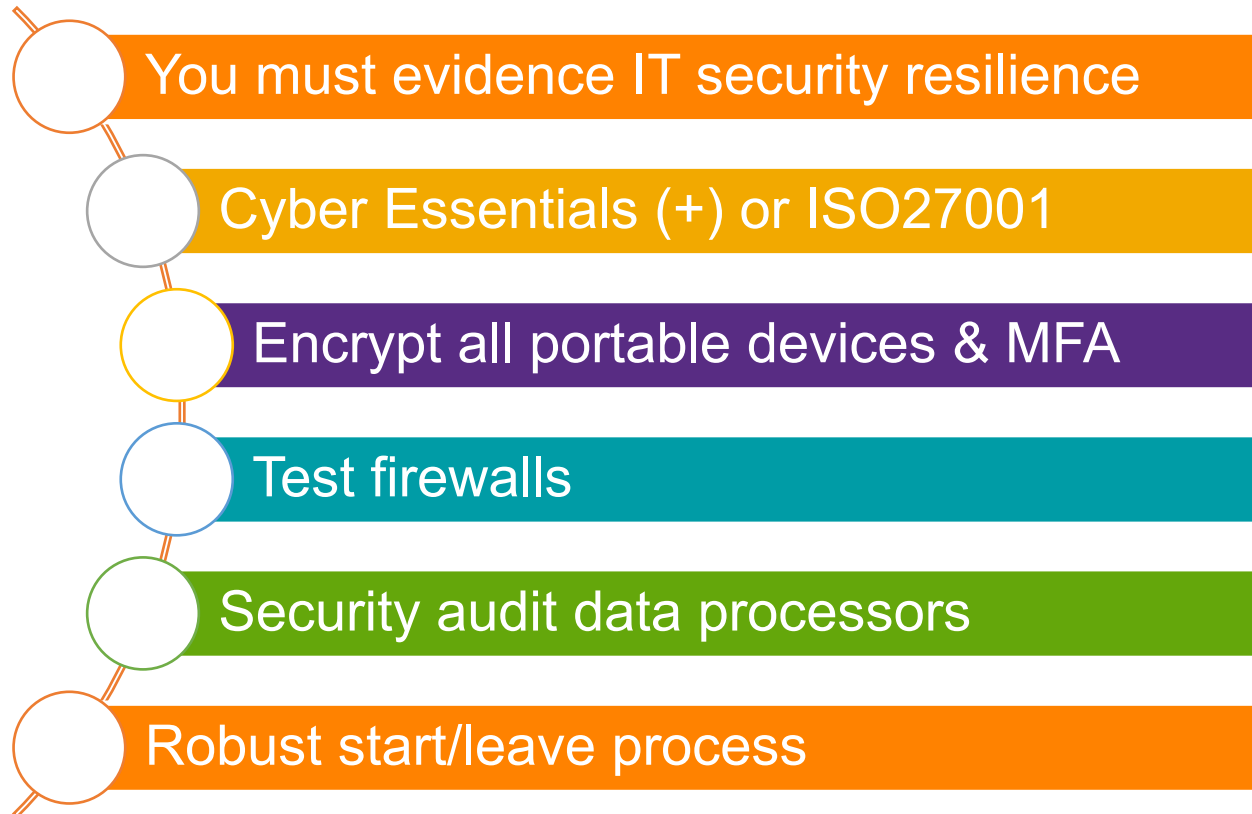
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Data security



Information Security – technology



Data breaches

Obligation to notify the ICO of a personal data breach

Fine: up to £17 million or 4 per cent of your global turnover

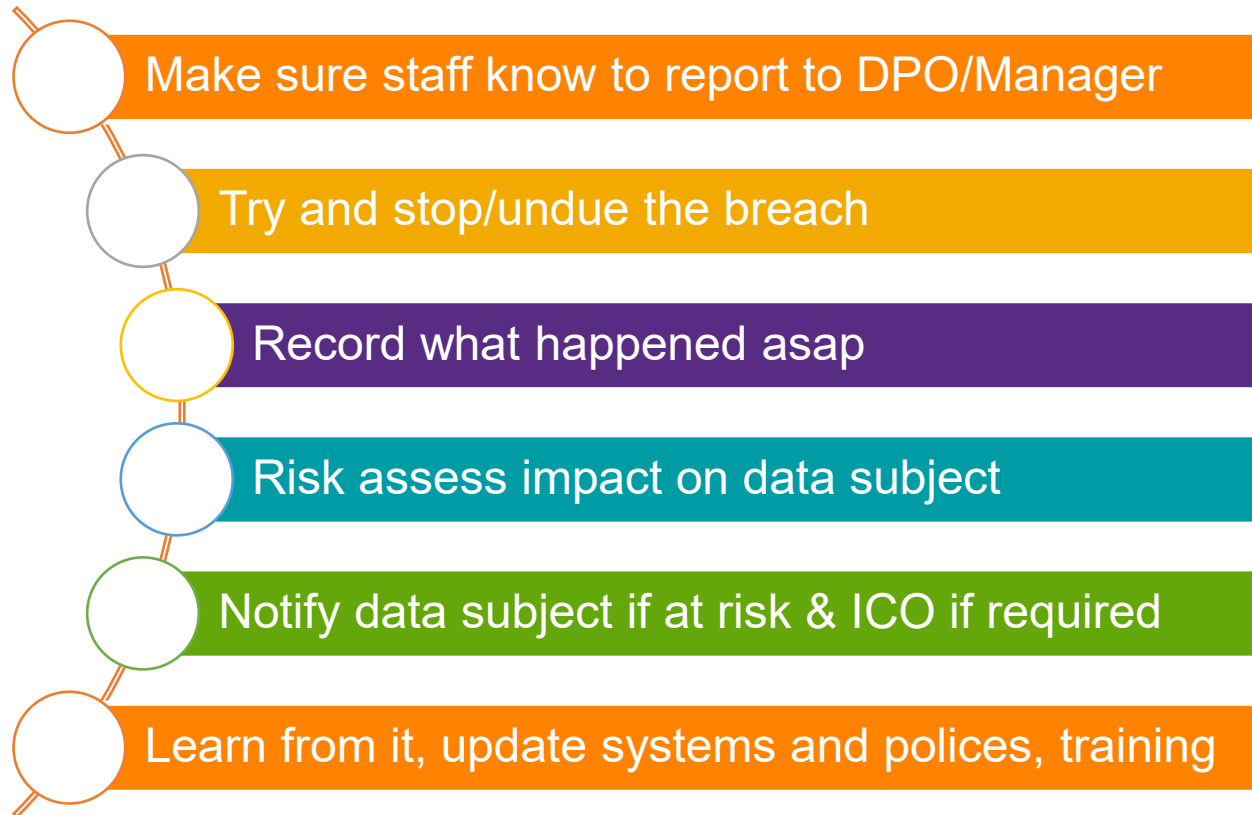


Controller to notify:

- **The ICO** within 72 hours if it is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals and significant detrimental effect on individuals e.g. potential for identity theft etc.
- **Affected individuals** without undue delay if it is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

In the event of any data breach where the Hospice is a joint data controller (commissioned services) there may be an obligation to notify the other party (NHS or local authority).

What to do if you have a breach



Disaster recovery (business continuity) plan – do you have one?

Covid was a good test of the ability to continue working in a disaster

What happens when the lights go off?

--- Do you have offline access to critical records

--- Can you run mission critical systems (patient records and payroll)

--- Our systems or the partner/processors systems failure (Access)

--- Security of paper records if we have to revert to paper

--- Don't use DR as an excuse to run a parallel filing system

Tuckers Solicitors – what this means for us



Breaches that have resulted in substantial fines

Tuckers Solicitors fined following Ransomware attack

Accidentally emailed sensitive document to the wrong colleague

Unite Union £45K marketing breach – snarky with the ICO

13 charities fined for wealth screening and data sharing

We Buy any Car £200K unsolicited marketing

Marriot Hotels £18.4M - millions of customer records cyber attack

Pharmacy £275K for leaving old prescriptions outside

Kim Doyle (RAC) and William Shaw (CMC) – selling claims - Prison

Case Law Rolfe & Ors v Veale Wasbrough Vizards

The High Court has imposed indemnity costs on a family that claimed damages for distress after a law firm accidentally sent an email about outstanding school fees to the wrong person.

Describing the data breach as “trivial”, Master McCloud said the person who received the email, sent by a paralegal, was unknown and confirmed to Veale Wasbrough Vizards that the email had been deleted the following day.

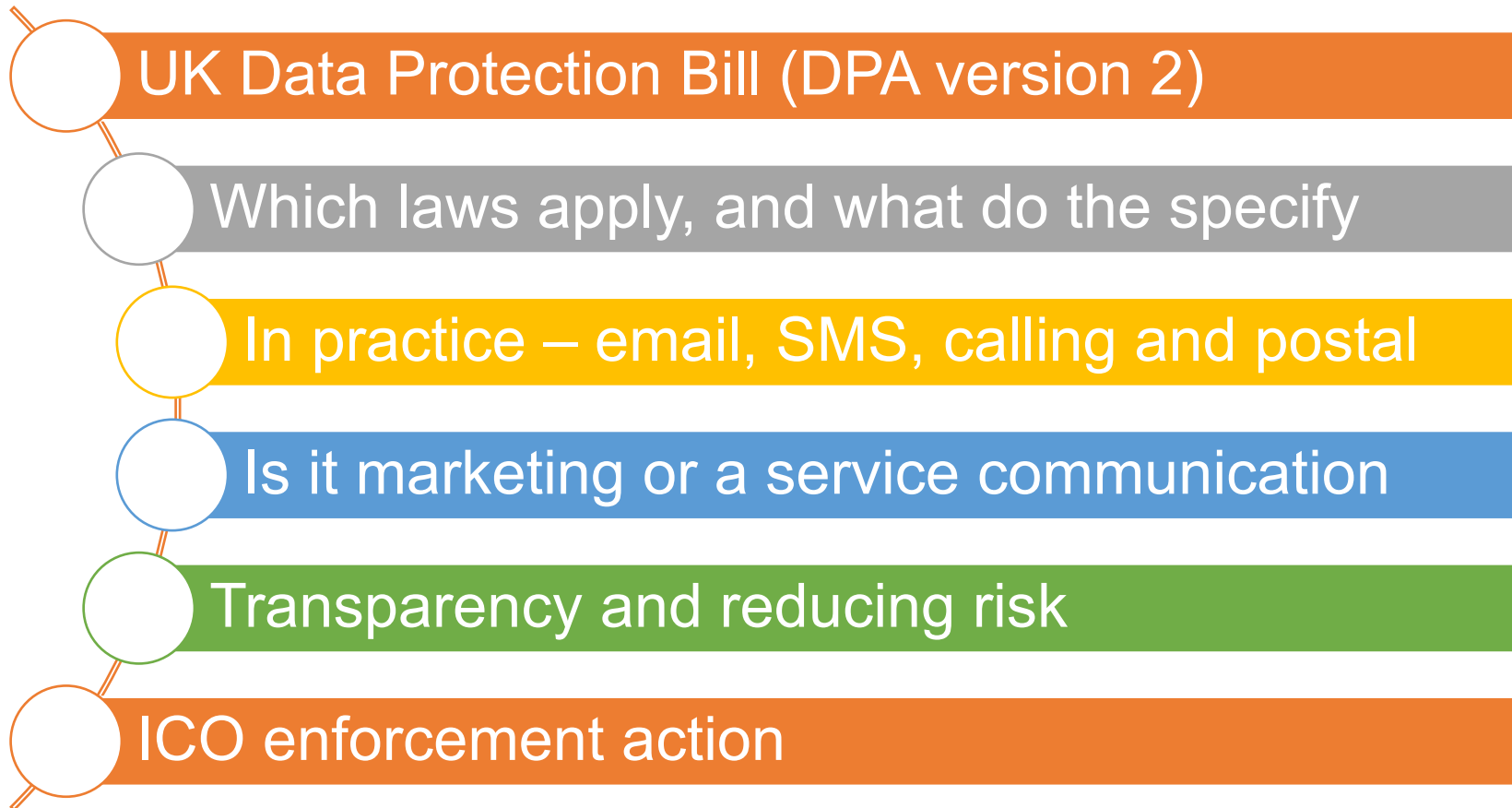
According to the Rolfe family’s solicitor at North-West firm Forbes, they had “lost sleep worrying about the possible consequences of the data breach” and it had made them feel ill.”

The email did not contain any sensitive information or bank account details.

Master McCloud ordered the claimants to make an interim payment on account of costs of £11,000, which she described as a “conservative sum”.

<https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/QB/2021/2809.html>

Marketing and Fundraising



Which laws and regulations apply

Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR)

UK GDPR & Data Protection Act 2018

Telephone Preference Service ((B)TPS)

Mail Preference Service (MPS)

All regulated by the Information Commissioner

Over the last 10 years more fines for marketing breaches than anything else

Definitions

Data subject	•A living individual who the data is about (e.g. a supporter)
Data controller	•The “legal person” who has determined how the data will be used (i.e. the charity)
Corporate subscriber	•Email address or phone number owned by a Ltd Co or Plc (not sole traders)
Private subscriber	•Email address or phone number owned by a private individual, sole trader or LLP
Marketing	•Anything that promotes a product, service, aim or ideal
Consent	•A positive action taken to agree to something specific
Service based coms	•A message containing non-promotional information essential to contract

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Service based

You must have told people how you will send service communications.

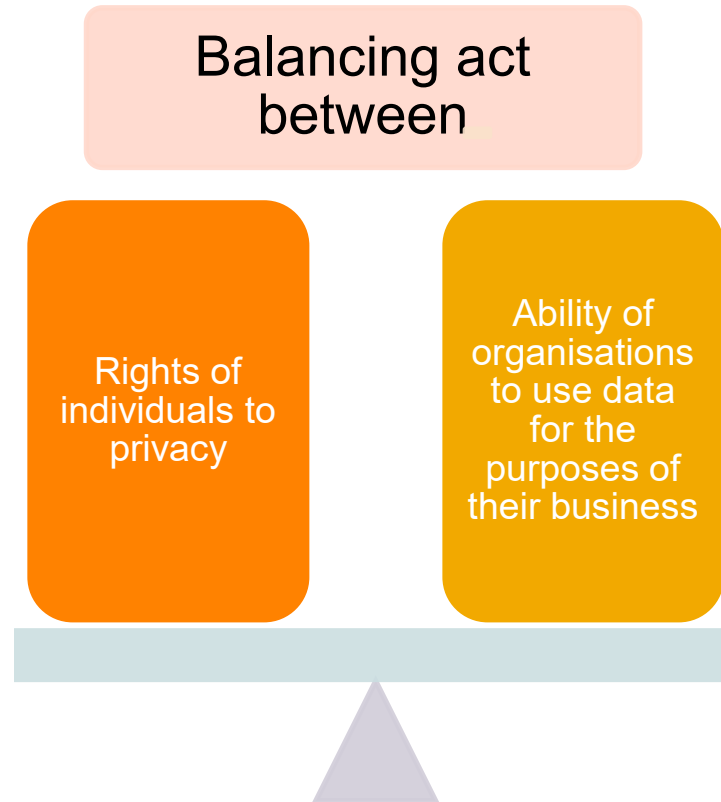


Marketing

Should be no surprises!



Electronic marketing without consent (legitimate interest) AKA soft opt-in



- ✓ You must either be in negotiations or a contract with the person
- ✓ Provided information on the type marketing you will send and how you will send it (email, sms)
- ✓ Have offered a clear opt-out **at the point you captured the email address/mobile number**

Legal basis and restrictions

Communication	Is consent required?	Further considerations
Postal	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comply with data protection legislation - only process information for the purpose for which it was collected. - If an individual objects to, or opts-out of, the mailing they must be taken off the mailing list. - Must screen names against the Mail Preference System. - Provide the opportunity to opt-out at every communication.
Telesales	No (but consent to send further comms must be sought during the call)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can make unsolicited marketing calls so long as the individual has not told you that they do not want to receive its calls or has registered with TPS (unless they have specifically consented to your calls). However, beware of "fairness" first principle compliance - Always give the customer the opportunity to opt-out of further communications. Recording such consent is key. - Any voicemails left will be considered as "electronic mail" and can only be left if you have the customer's consent, as detailed directly below.
Email/text	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consent must be freely given, specific, informed, recorded, etc. - You must consider the customers' capacity to provide "informed" consent. - May be able to use soft opt-in (legitimate interest) - Different rules for corporate & private subscribers

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We want to be sure you only get email updates from us if you want to. We're asking all our newsletter subscribers to answer the question – “Do you still want to get the ICO newsletter?”. **Those who answer no will be unsubscribed immediately. Those who do not answer before July 2022 will also be unsubscribed.**

So, if you wish to keep hearing from us, let us know now by [visiting our new preference centre](#).

You can also let us know more about what subjects and sectors you are interested in hearing about – these can be changed at any time.

We have recently updated our [privacy notice](#) to reflect the creation of the preference centre.

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ICO newsletter preferences



Do you still want receive the ICO newsletter?

Answer: ☐ Yes
☐ No

Personal information

Email

First name

Last name

Email update preferences

The ICO sends out a newsletter once a month that gives a round up of our work, including news on our latest enforcement action and guidance about how to keep your data safe. We also send ad hoc newsletters throughout the month. The content of these updates is similar to the above but may be focused on one subject and will be sent out as soon as possible after work has happened. When you sign up to the newsletter you are consenting to receive all relevant ICO email updates.

Please indicate below which of these products you wish to receive?

I want... ☐ BOTH
☐ Monthly

SUBMIT



Records management

Can't keep data forever, we told the data subject in the privacy notice how long you would keep it.



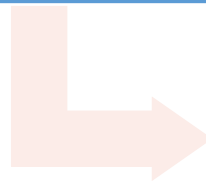
Organise records in a way that allows them to be easily identified for deletion



Regularly weed files in alignment with the retention policy



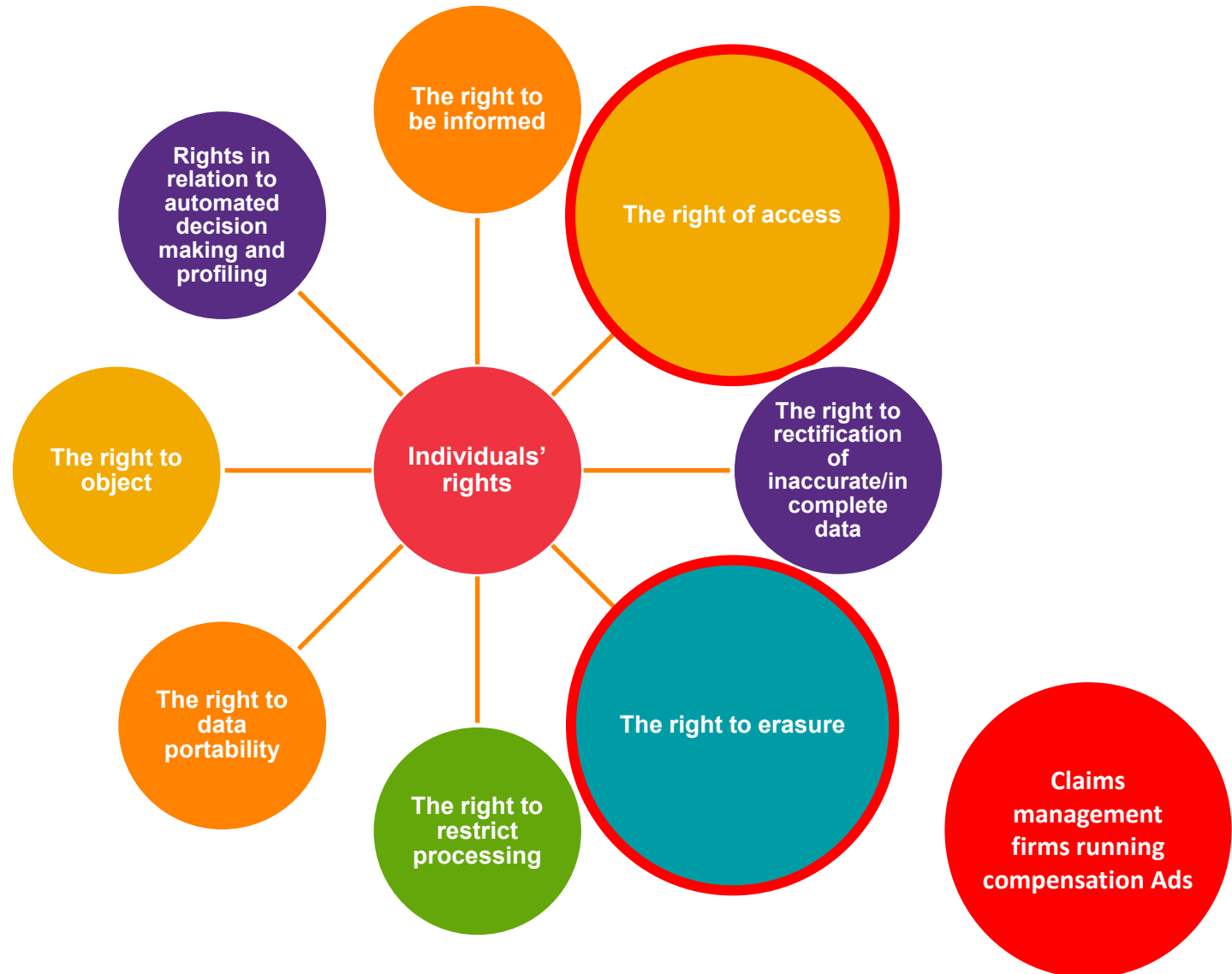
If you need to retain for statistical purposes then you can anonymise or pseudoanonymise the data



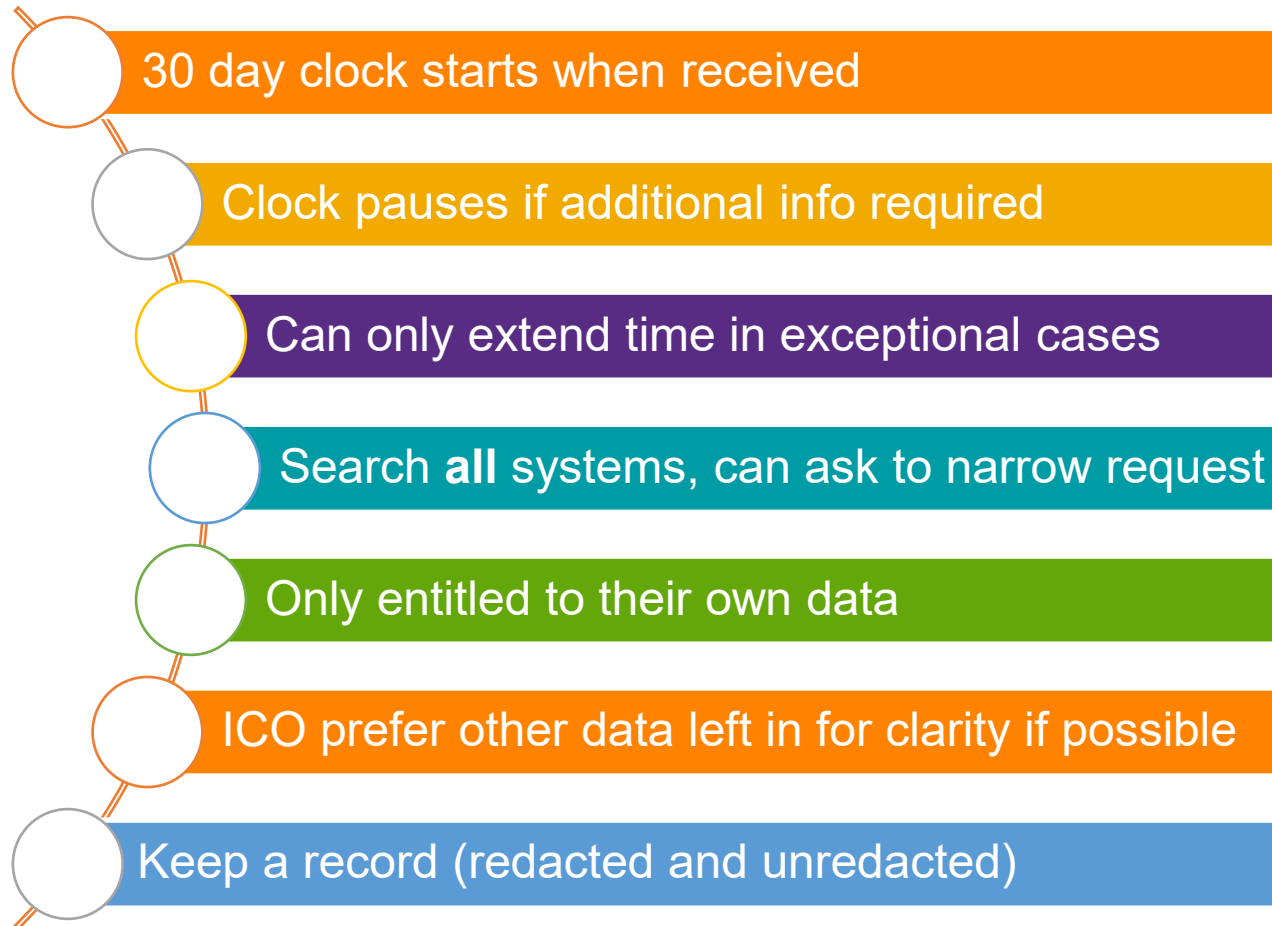
In the event of a breach the ICO will want to know why you had the data.

Save important emails to the HR file/patient record and delete email

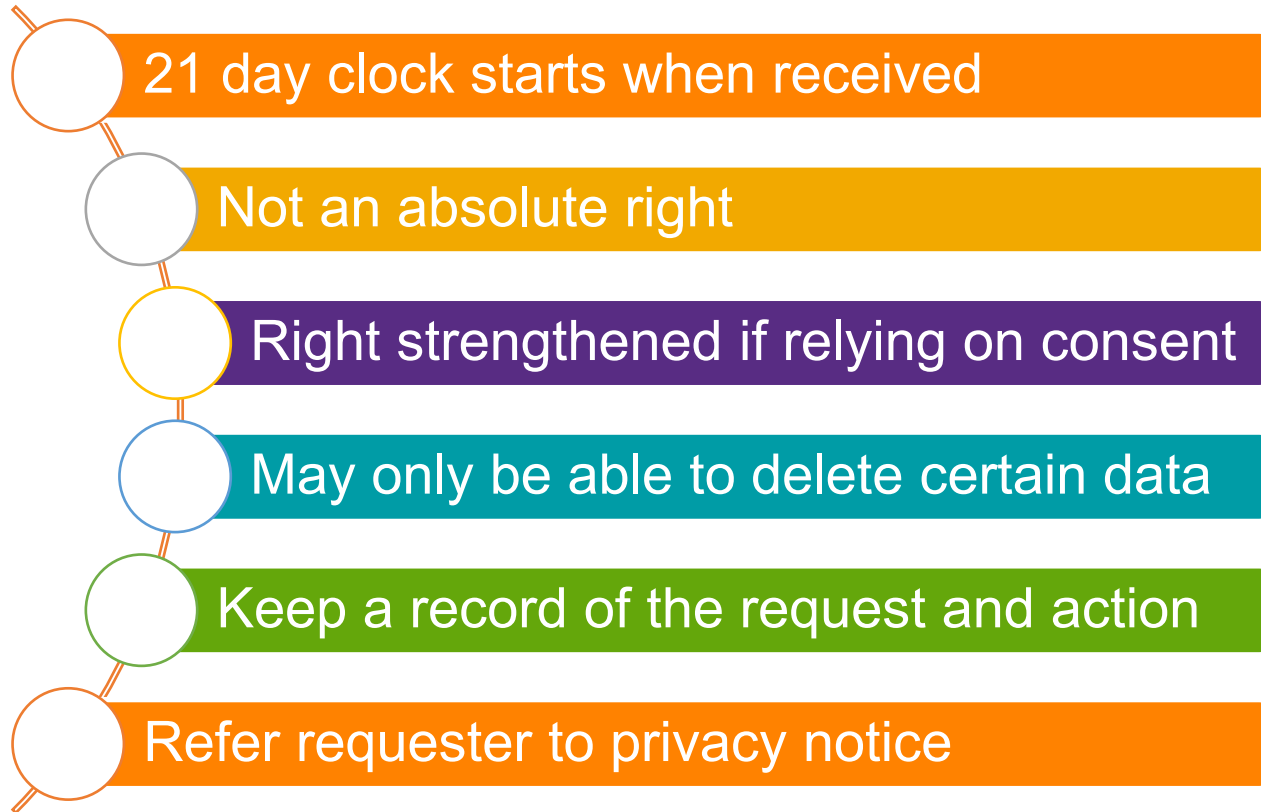
Individuals' rights



Subject access requests



Data deletion requests (right to be forgotten)



Data Protection Bill

- Lowering the standard on what defines anonymisation of data
- Data Protection Officers will no longer be required, with the statutory personal obligations. **BUT**, you will still require a senior responsible individual as a focal point for data protection who has all same responsibilities
- Article 30 register (ROPA) goes for all but those who process large volumes of SPD, with a simplified approach to records management
- The threshold for refusing to respond to a data subject access request has been lowered from “manifestly unfounded or excessive” to “vexatious or excessive”
- The requirement to obtain consent for cookies will be relaxed in relation to a broader class of purposes (but not for cross-site tracking).

Data Reform Bill

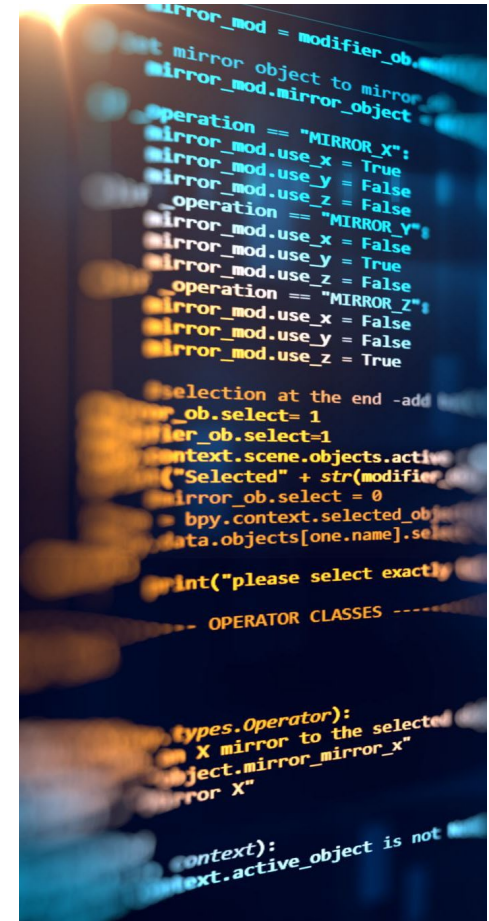
- No need to undertake legitimate interest assessments for approved purposes (safeguarding, public interest, HR, marketing etc)
- Article 30 register (ROPA) and DPIA's gone
- Lower threshold for rejecting a SAR with clarification on manifestly unfounded and excessive requests
- **Soft opt-in extended to fundraising**
- Raising (and clarifying) the threshold for breach reporting
- Can reuse data for a different purpose (different legal basis)
- Consent for scientific research can be less specific

Data Reform Bill

- A more logical and proportional approach to evidencing your compliance with the legislation. Low risk data controllers will not be expected to have the same level of compliance framework in place as a high risk controller
- Greater powers for the ICO to deal with nuisance callers and other spam marketing. Fines increasing from £500,000 to £20m
- Data subjects will have to attempt to resolve their complaints with the relevant data controller (who will be obliged to have a complaints handling process) before lodging a complaint with the ICO.
- A more logical risk based approach to international data transfers
- New measures to allow the easier sharing of data to protect vulnerable individuals

Cybersecurity

- **Largest fines issued by ICO are all for cybersecurity breaches**
 - Must have cybersecurity (IT) policy
 - Cybersecurity training for all staff
 - ICO stated in Tuckers Solicitors investigation report that you must evidence your IT security (Cyber Essentials, Cyber Essentials Plus or 27001)
 - Also stated that MFA must be enabled on all systems
- **Training and testing your people**
 - In addition to cybersecurity training you should also keep your staff on their toes. Implement social engineering testing (your own phishing emails) and leave USB memory stick lying around

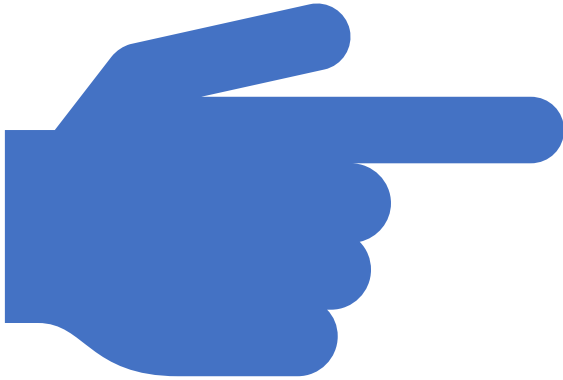


Cybersecurity threats

- Phishing Attacks
 - Imposter Scams
 - Ransomware
 - Hacking
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- Finance department always the highest risk department
 - Be very suspicious of urgent requests with time deadlines
 - Verify requests by phone calling the organization main number



Everyday Tips



- Be careful of email attachments, web links and voice calls from unknown numbers.
- Do not click on a link or open an attachment that you were not expecting.
- Use separate personal and business computers, mobile devices, and accounts.
- Use multi-factor authentication where offered.
- Do not download software from an unknown web page.
- Never give out your username or password.
- Consider using a password management application to store your passwords for you.

Top tips

Security of electronic data – encrypt all electronic devices & privacy filters

Security of paper data – lock and key, transport securely, don't leave in car

When you don't need it anymore get rid of it – that includes email

Be careful when working out of the office

Records management, keep everything in one place (email, Word docs etc)

Securely destroy paper and electronic data (certificate of destruction)

Be careful when forwarding emails (email addresses) and reply all

If you can show you were trying your best the ICO usually take no action

And if goes horribly wrong call me before you speak to the ICO

Questions

