

# Preparing you for the

# General Data Protection Regulation

## (GDPR)

**The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will apply in the UK from 25th May 2018. Even though the UK is committed to leaving Europe, GDPR will still apply.**

GDPR will replace the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998.

### So, why do we need a new regulation on data protection?

The changes being introduced by the GDPR are intended to:

- Harmonise data protection laws across the EU
- Create data protection laws that reflect the huge increase in technology and the internet over the past decade or so - and the resulting change to the ways in which personal data is handled, stored, used and;
- Provide people (data subjects) with better and clearer rights.

### But it doesn't come into effect until May 2018, that's months away

There are new areas of data protection being introduced and there is significantly more legal liability if you are responsible for a breach.

Many of the GDPR's main concepts and principles are much the same as those in the current DPA. So, if you are complying with the current law then a lot of your approach to compliance will remain valid and can be a starting point to build from.

However, there are new components to the GDPR, so you will have to do some things for the first time and some things completely differently. There is no need to approach consultants and spend hundreds or even thousands on GDPR compliance.

Wales PPA will be putting out further GDPR Guidance soon but in the meantime, have a look at the ICO website and their 12-step guide preparing for GDPR <https://ico.org.uk/media/1624219/preparing-for-the-gdpr-12-steps.pdf>

