



The General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) is the new legal framework that will come into effect on 25 May 2018 across the European Union (“EU”) and will be directly applicable in all EU Member States from that date.

The UK implementation of GDPR will be through a new Data Protection Bill which is currently being progressed through the UK parliament. The Bill is a complete data protection system, so as well as governing general data covered by GDPR, it covers all other general data, law enforcement data and national security data. Furthermore, the Bill exercises a number of agreed modifications and definitions to the GDPR to make it work for the benefit of the UK. For information on the Bill’s progress please copy the following link into your browser to access the parliament web site:

<https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/dataprotection.html>

For information regarding the new Data Protection Bill please view via this link to the UK Government web site:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/data-protection-bill-2017>

As the Data Protection Bill is still being debated a number of clauses and definitions are still not finalised. The Information Commissions Office provides a web site with information, explanations and latest updates on the Bill and the UK interpretation of GDPR, the web site can be found via the link below to the UK Information Commissioners Office (ICO):

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/whats-new/>

The Data Protection Bill is focused on the protection of personal data, i.e. data about individuals, and builds on existing data protection laws, setting out the responsibilities of businesses in relation to the personal data they collect, hold, transmit and otherwise use.

Advance Trust has a central working party who are focusing on the requirements for the implementation of the Data Protection Bill to ensure all areas of our business will be ready from the date of enforcement, 25 May 2018.

Data is held in both electronic and paper media formats and stored securely. We already have in place procedures, policies and security arrangements to protect personal data.

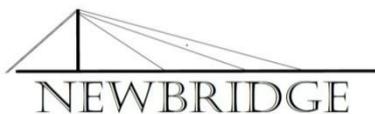
Advance Trust is introducing a comprehensive GDPR training program, aimed at all employees to ensure they understand the basics of data protection law, to instil in them the nature and importance of personal data, to educate them to recognise and respond to subject access requests and learn how to report privacy breaches.

The following links may be particularly of interest, from the data protection reform area of the ICO website:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/resources-and-support/data-protection-self-assessment/getting-ready-for-the-gdpr/>

and the publication, "Preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation – 12 steps to take now", which is also available as a pdf document from the ICO web site <https://ico.org.uk/media/1624219/preparing-for-the-gdpr-12-steps.pdf>

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