

SALC GDPR Update – March 2018

APPENDIX O

This GDPR Update is to keep you informed of the latest information and developments following the issue of NALC's new GDPR toolkit, prepared on their behalf by law firm Winckworth Sherwood. Link to the toolkit is here :-



NALC's GDPR
Toolkit.docx

Training:

Robert Montgomery facilitated a second training session for over 60 delegates on **15 March**. Arising from the training, SALC will be delivering a further session on Monday 26 March for Clerks, aimed primarily to assist those of smaller authorities to work through the NALC Toolkit.

Data Protection Bill:

In terms of our advocacy on the impact of GDPR on the sector, NALC has been active in raising concerns with ICO and DCMS as well as in Parliament through the Data Protection Bill.

The Bill had its second reading in the House of Commons on 5 March and NALC, as they did during the House of Lords stages made representations to the MPs and digital Minister, Matt Hancock, MP on a number of matters including the need for:

- further sector specific advice and guidance from the ICO;
- a proportionate approach for our sector, especially for smaller councils;
- and funding support for this new legislative burden.

The Bill now moves to Committee Stage for detailed examination, meeting on 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27 March. NALC will be working with MPs to secure amendments to allow further debate and press for government action alongside ongoing work to consider how best to fulfill the requirement to appoint a DPO.

Data Protection Officer:


A key challenge is the appointment of data protection officers.

NALC wrote to officials in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Information Commissioner's Office and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in advance of a joint meetings they were having last week on the Data Protection Bill and General Data Protection Regulation. NALC wanted to ensure they were all clear about the concerns about the Data Protection Officer requirement, the ways they can help mitigate the impact on our sector and NALC's offer to work with them to find a proportionate solution, whether this might be at county level or national level.

Joint Information Governance Group:

NALC are working with the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and experts in information governance to set up a Joint Information Governance Group (JIGG), which is based on other successful models of bringing key stakeholders together such as the Joint Panel on Accountability and Guidance, to support the sector establish sound information governance policies and practices more generally. Membership is likely to include NALC, SLCC, DCMS, and the ICO.

... And finally a reminder that you can still access the following:

- FAQs here –
<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/local-government/local-gov-gdpr-faqs/>
- **ICO Support:** There is now a section on the ICO's website for Small Local Authorities with FAQs see links below –
<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/local-government/>
- **Phoneline:** There is now a dedicated phone line **0303 123 1113** and select option **4** to be diverted to staff who can offer support.
- NALC's **Retention of Documents LTN40** is below:

LTN40 Retention of Documents-Nov16.p
- Other NALC Briefing notes are on our website -
<http://www.alcshropshire.co.uk/members/general-data-protection-regulations-gdpr>