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## What is GDPR?

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new regulation designed to strengthen and unify data protection for all individuals within the European Union, as well as dealing with the export of personal data in the rest of the World.

Coming into effect on 25 May 2018, GDPR will give individuals greater rights over how their personal data (such as name, address and email) is held and used, with the right to have data deleted.

## Why is GDPR important?

GDPR places more emphasis on keeping personal data secure. Should personal data be lost or stolen, companies will be required to inform the Information Commissioner's Office or their local data office. Dependant on the nature and size of data loss, companies can face a fine of up to €10m or 2% of company annual turnover.

Given this, any company handling personal data, whether as a **data controller** (decision makers on how data is used, collected and retained) or **data handler** (third parties handling data on behalf of controllers) should know how personal data is being stored, used and accessed within their company.

## Why undertake a GDPR audit?

Many companies are unaware of exactly how data is used within their company, whether that be by staff or by IT applications (eg. accounts software, CRM systems, marketing software etc). This increases the risk of data theft or leaks taking place.

A GDPR Audit will inform you how personal data is used and stored within your business. Our follow-up report will document how it is being accessed and by whom, how secure it is and recommendations regarding further security, access limitation or staff training.

## Our Service

- Full day audit of data storage and usage within your business.
- Will cover what access staff have to personal and sensitive data.
- Follow-up report will document how data is stored and used in your company, with recommendations as to how it can be safeguarded.

## Benefits

- A key part of preparation for GDPR.
- Understand how data is used and accessed in your company.
- Discover potential weaknesses in your data security.
- See where staff have unnecessary access to sensitive information.
- The first step towards limiting user access to data based on job role and requirement.