

New Data Protection Rules Coming Soon!

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) has applied to us since May 2018. We have ensured that the UK GDPR is embedded into everything we do, from collecting personal information from housing applicants through to handling queries from our customers and requests for access to their personal information.

The UK Government has recently introduced the Data Protection and Digital Information (No.2) Bill to make some changes to the UK GDPR following Brexit. The changes are designed to make the UK GDPR more business-friendly and to cut the “red tape” sometimes associated with data protection compliance.

The Bill is at the first stage of the Westminster law-making process and the content is very much subject to change at this point. Future newsletters will look at the Bill in more depth once the details have been finalised.

As introduced, the Bill lessens some of the administrative aspects of data protection compliance, such as reduced record keeping, removing the need to carry out data protection risk assessments, and potentially providing more options for organisations to refuse requests for personal information in certain circumstances. There will also be some changes to the “cookie” banners that we have all become familiar with when visiting websites to make them more user-friendly.

The core UK GDPR requirements will remain the same as they are just now, with there likely to be very little practical day-to-day difference to our operations and how we interact with personal information.

Further information on data protection and your rights is available from our Data Protection Officer (DPO), Daradjeet Jagpal by: e-mail at pineviewdpo@infolawsolutions.co.uk; telephone on 07575 838 625; or writing to: The Data Protection Officer, Pineview Housing Association Limited, 5 Rozelle Avenue, Drumchapel, Glasgow, G15 7QR.