

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in May 2018 (including in the UK regardless of its decision to leave the EU) and impacted every organisation which holds or processes personal data. It introduced new responsibilities, including the need to demonstrate compliance, more stringent enforcement and substantially increased penalties than the current Data Protection Act (DPA) which it superseded.

DAWSON WAM is committed to high standards of information security, privacy and transparency. We place a high priority on protecting and managing data in accordance with accepted standards including ISO 9001. The company complies with all applicable GDPR regulations which took effect in 2018, including as a data processor, while also working closely with our clients and partners to meet contractual obligations for our procedures and services.

We recognise that compliance is a shared responsibility and all organisations need to adapt business processes and data management practices.

Compliance

DAWSON WAM has a robust ISO-based Integrated Management System (IMS) and in order to ensure compliance will implement additional company-wide controls to meet GDPR requirements within the IMS using internal and external auditing.

Compliance is supported by a review of existing contracts with data controllers, the use of sub-contractors and any data export arrangements.

DAWSON WAM's Data Compliance Officers will inform, advise and monitor compliance. The company will implement tools as appropriate that support the process, provide necessary security and ongoing delivery of objectives.

In many areas DAWSON WAM already conformed. Policies such as incident response plans, business continuity and backup data retention had been reviewed and updated.

DAWSON WAM's software applications

DAWSON WAM's broad range of software applications are used to provide efficient and high quality services. As such the company is committed to providing technology solutions to support its GDPR obligations.

If you have any questions relating to our approach to data protection and security, please don't hesitate to contact our Data Compliance Officers.

Signed: 

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