

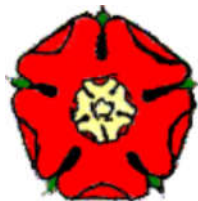
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### **The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

At the recent HFHS Federation Day several questions were raised regarding the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The GDPR is a European Union legal instrument ensuring the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data. Compliance with the GDPR is managed in the UK through the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO is the UK's independent body set up to uphold information rights.

#### **Registration with the ICO**

If you handle personal data, you may need to register as a data controller with the Information Commissioner's Office. Registration is a statutory requirement and every organisation that processes personal information must register with the ICO, **unless they are exempt**.

**You do not have to register if** your organisation was established for not-for-profit making purposes and does not make a profit or if your organisation makes a profit for its own purposes, as long as the profit is not used to enrich others. **Under the Data Protection Act, you must:**

- only process information necessary to establish or maintain membership or support;
- only process information necessary to provide or administer activities for people who are members of the organisation or have regular contact with it;
- only share the information with people and organisations necessary to carry out the organisation's activities. Important - if individuals give you permission to share their information, this is OK; and

- only keep the information while the individual is a member or supporter or as long as necessary for member/supporter administration

Source: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/register/faqs>

**In a nutshell:** Most, if not all, organisations affiliated to the HFHS are therefore likely to be exempt from registering with the ICO. However, all organisations must comply with the Data Protection Act as outlined above – this is not new.

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