GDPR – the new Data Protection laws

In 2018, a major new piece of legislation is coming which requires anyone who handles other people’s personal data to review how they do it. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will replace the Data Protection Acts (DPA) on 25 May. It may be a European initiative, but it’s going to take full effect in the UK from day one.

In essence, the new legislation builds on the practices of the DPA, but it requires anyone holding data to be clearer about the reasons for holding it, and also to make sure permission is sought explicitly to hold particular data. Data subjects have enhanced rights under the new regulation, too.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils will be reviewing their key documents, such as Privacy Notices, to ensure they comply with the new legislation, and looking at systems such as CASEY to ensure that permissions to share and hold data are secured properly.

The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) has produced a very helpful graphic showing “12 Steps to Take Now”, which is reproduced below.

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There is also material on our Learn Together website at https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/early-years/business-support/support-for-childcare-business-and-governance/ and available from the Pre-school Alliance and other organisations. You should also remember that images, videos and other media can also constitute personal data.