

## **Data Protection**

The Data Protection Act was implemented two decades ago and the world of business IT has changed significantly in that time. The EU-GDPR (European Union - General Data Protection Regulation) is the replacement and in May 2018 this legislation will take effect in the UK.

This legislation is fairly significant. The Data Protection Act left a great deal up to individual businesses as to how they went about protecting personal data. For most organisations data protection took a back seat over day-to-day business. The EU-GDPR is significantly more prescriptive and the fines for non-compliance are potentially very high (up to 4% of turnover or €20 million).

Whilst the EU-GDPR has now been formalised there is still some uncertainty about how the legislation will be formalised in UK law. The feeling is therefore that this will very much be an evolving subject.

We recommend you keep up to date with the developments in Data Protection over the next year or two. If you would like further updates on the latest developments please contact us.