

GDPR Guidance – we have all the advice co-ordinators need.

New changes to Data Protection legislation under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) come into effect on May 25, 2018 and could affect coordinators.

Coordinators are advised not to be concerned as we have prepared new NWN Data Protection Guidance 2018 for Force Area and London Borough Associations and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. It has been prepared after extensive consultation with the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office), other partners and our members. Jayne Pascoe, Strategic Partnerships Director at NWN said: "The Guidance condenses a number of separate guidance documents published by the ICO into one document that is relevant for the type of data held by Neighbourhood Watch groups and the purpose that this data is used for.

"Importantly we have received reassurance from the ICO that there is no need for Neighbourhood Watch to reaffirm the consent of current members for their data to be used for the purposes of communication and scheme administration by either their local Force Area/ Borough Associations, Neighbourhood Watch coordinators or Neighbourhood Watch Network (on the national Scheme Register).

Jayne added: "Going forward this consent will need to be evidenced for new members joining us. Changes are underway to the national Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Register on Neighbourhood Alert to ensure that the system is fully compliant by 25th May 2018 and it is easier for Neighbourhood Watch members to register and their consent to be evidenced.

A detailed guidance booklet on data protection for co-ordinators can be found on our "Download" section.

The Guidance can also be accessed on the **OurWatch** website.

CCTV guidance within the Guidance will be updated shortly.

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