**Data Protection Officer Role Compliance:**

**(Risk rating key can be found at the end of the document)**

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| **GDPR Reference** | **Data Protection Officer/Organisation Responsibilities** | **Meeting of Responsibility** | **Action Required** | **Risk Rating (RAG or B=No current risk)** |
| **Position of the DPO** |
| Article 37 (5) | The data protection officer shall be designated on the basis of professional qualities and, in particular, expert knowledge of data protection law and practices and the ability to fulfil the tasks referred to in Article 39. | * The DPO is not an expert in this area but does have an increased understanding of legislation compared to other staff.
* The role of DPO is not a full-time role so will not be able to become an expert in this area. Also proves difficult to learn on the job as not immersed in the topic frequently enough.
* Can be a large complex area which requires reading time to support decision making which isn’t available due to other responsibilities.
* Training courses attended where needed.
* Support can be provided by the Joint GWP/SWP DPO but they are extremely busy and the resource cannot be relied upon although they do assist if able.
 | * Continuation of training where able.
* Discussions have taken place about putting support in on an all Wales basis. SW & NW are supportive. Although it is believed there should be an all Wales DPO in place, this doesn’t appear to be a way forward agreed by all. Therefore it has been suggested that consideration is giving to setting up an external contract for support to be provided as required.
* A request for a temporary resource has been agreed to progress the work on the action plan after the review of compliance by an external consultant. After assessment by the DPO in 2023/24 it was decided that work on the action plan would be progressed by the HoAC and Governance Officer with areas where more support was required highlighted. An external consultant would then be brought in to assist.
 | Ongoing. Work in this area is progressing and discussions remain ongoing.2020/21 Risk = Medium2021/22 Risk = Medium2022/23 Risk = Medium2023/24 Risk = Medium |
| Article 38 (3) | The controller shall ensure that the DPO does not receive any instructions regarding the exercise of their tasks. | * CEx supportive of the work undertaken by the DPO but does not guide or set specific tasks.
 | * Ensure this is maintained. DPO to raise any concerns if they arise.
 | 2020/21 No current risk2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk2023/23 No current risk |
| Article 38 (3) | The controller shall ensure that the DPO is not dismissed or penalised by the controller for performing their tasks. | * Executive team are aware.
* Not currently clarified in job description.
 | * Consideration given as to including clarity in job description.
* As additional areas of responsibility have been added to the HoAC job description, a revision is needed but is not being progressed at this time.
 | Ongoing but on target.2020/21 Risk = Low2021/22 Risk = Low2022/23 Risk = Low2023/24 Risk = Low |
| Article 38 (3) | The controller shall ensure that the DPO reports directly to the highest management level of the controller. | * HoAC is the DPO and attends the Planning & Performance Meeting to report to the CEx and CFO where a brief overview of data protection/compliance is provided.
* There is a standing item in relation to data protection on the OPCC Strategic Management Board which is chaired by the PCC and which the HoAC attends.
* Annual report provided to both the OPCC Planning & Performance meeting and Strategic Management Board and is then subsequently provided to the Joint Audit Committee for information.
 | * Annual Report template has been finalised and updates are provided frequently to the Executive level of the OPCC.
* Ensure this is maintained. DPO to raise any concerns if they arise.
 | 2020/21 Ongoing but on target. Risk = Low2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk2023/24 No current risk |
| Article 38 (1) | The data controller must ensure that the DPO is involved, properly and in a timely manner, in all issues relating to the protection of personal data. | * Reliance is on staff to inform the DPO of any relevant projects that would contain personal data. DPO has provided advice on projects.
* Not many projects exist within the OPCC that involve the use of personal data that we have responsibility for.
* Attendance at the OPCC Planning & Performance Meeting and Strategic Management Board where all projects should be discussed.
 | * No specific action needed.
* Annual refresher training will act as a reminder to staff.
 | 2020/21 No current risk2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk2023/24 No current risk |
| Article 38 (2) | The controller shall support the data protection officer in performing the tasks referred to in Article 39 by providing resources necessary to carry out those tasks and access to personal data and processing operations.(resources should include sufficient time, financial, infrastructure and staff as appropriate to enable the DPO to meet their GDPR obligations) | * Support built into Governance Officer role, but they also have other responsibilities.
* Impact of other responsibilities has impacted on the DPO’s ability to undertake the role adequately and provides a risk to compliance.
* An external consultant was appointed to undertake a compliance audit which resulted in the development of an action plan. Additional resource has been agreed to support area of work.
 | * The consultant completed the audit and the report was reviewed and an action plan developed of the work needing completion.
* Additional support agreed for the complaints and governance workstream is in place. Due to the support required, the free time expected to materialise has not yet done so which has impacted progression of the data protection work.
* A request for a temporary resource has been agreed to progress the work on the action plan after the review of compliance by an external consultant. After assessment in 2023/24 it was decided that work on the action plan would be progressed by the HoAC and Governance Officer with areas where more support was required were highlighted. An external consultant would then be brought in to assist.
 | 2020/21 - On-going but risk relating to ensuring there is significant resource to support the DPO. Risk = High2021/22 - On-going. Work has progressed and additional resource is due to be discussed. Risk = To remain High until resource is appointed.2022/23 - On-going. Recruitment taking place to support HoAC in other areas. Risk = To remain High until resource is appointed and a review can be undertaken of the action plan.2023/24 - On-going. Additional role has been filled but support has been required for longer than expected. Risk = To remain High until post requires less support and availability of HoAC can be re-assessed. |
| Article 38 (2) | The controller shall support the DPO to maintain their expert knowledge. | * Support provided to DPO to attend any training courses deemed necessary.
* Difficulty to find time to attend training due to current workload.
* DPO role isn’t full time so difficult to learn ‘on the job’.
 | * Continuation of training where able.
* Expert support has been discussed on an all Wales basis. Further options to be explored.
 | 2020/21 Ongoing. Work of consultant will determine next steps. Risk = Medium2021/22 Ongoing. Consider how expert support can be provided across Wales when needed. Risk = Medium2022/23 Ongoing. This has not been developed any further due to resource implications but will be explored when possible. Risk = Medium2023/24 Although it is acknowledged that the DPO will never be an expert in this areas due to other commitments, on reviewing this requirement, it is confirmed that the controller does provide support to the DPO to improve/maintain knowledge. Therefore this can move from a medium to low risk.Risk = Low |
| Article 38 (6) | The controller shall ensure that any additional tasks and duties placed on a DPO do not result in a conflict of interest with their DPO duties. | * As the HoAC is also the DPO and the Deputy Monitoring Officer (DMO) we have had to ensure no conflict of duties exists.
* ICO confirmed they did not believe there was a conflict between the roles of DPO and DMO.
* HoAC would normally have held decision making responsibilities in relation to processing in data protection policies, these have had to be allocated to the CEX to remove the conflict of interest that arises.
 | * Continue to monitor whether changes to current HoAC role cause a conflict of interest with the role of the DPO.
 | 2020/21 Ongoing but on target. Risk = Low2021/22 No current risk.2022/23 No current risk. |
| ICO – DPO’s | The controller gives the DPO appropriate access to other services within the organisation so that they can receive essential support, input or information. | * DPO is able to contact other departments as needed who have supported work in their areas.
* Direct access to the CEx ensures any issues can be raised as needed.
 | * Workloads of other departments can impact on the support provided but not currently an issue.
* Will continue to monitor and raise any concerns if they arise.
 | 2020/21 No current risk2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk |
| **Tasks of the DPO** |
| Article 39 (1)(a) | The DPO will inform and advise the organisation and its employees about the obligations to comply with the GDPR and other data protection laws; | * DPO provides advice when requested.
* Majority of organisational policies sit with the HoAC so data protection is considered in their development.
* DPO attends meetings where any policy should be presented for comment/approval.
* Monthly data protection update provided to OPCC Planning & Performance Meeting and quarterly to the Strategic Management Board.
 | * Need to ensure maintain awareness of changes to data protection law, case law and best practice. This is currently difficult due to the other responsibilities placed on the DPO in their role as HoAC.
* It is hoped this will be supported via an external contract if needed in future.
* Advice can be provided by the joint Gwent South Wales DPO if required but due to workload this isn’t always possible. There is also the need for PCC’s to have an element of independence from force decision making as well.
 | 2020/21 Ongoing but limited time to ensure compliant with emerging DP issues/best practice could be problematic in the future. Risk = Medium2021/22 Ongoing. As above and additional pressures likely to come into play if data protection legislation is amended after government consultation.Risk = Medium2022/23 Ongoing. Joint DPO can provide advice although still believe a contract for external advice is required for independence. Risk can be changed to low.Risk = Low2023/24 Ongoing. Joint DPO can provide advice although still believe a contract for external advice is required for independence. Risk = Low |
| Article 39 (1)(b) | The DPO is tasked with monitoring compliance with the GDPR and other data protection laws, OPCC data protection policies, awareness-raising, training and undertaking and commissioning audits. | * Not currently monitoring compliance as there is work outstanding on original GDPR action plan.
* An internal audit was undertaken in July 2018 with a follow up undertaken in January 2019 with ‘reasonable’ assurance achieved.
* An external consultant has undertaken a compliance audit which has resulted in an action plan.
* Key data protection policies (eg SARs/DPIA guidance etc) are in place but overarching data protection policy needs to be drafted.
* Difficult to maintain up-to-date knowledge of case law, changes, best practice due to other responsibilities.
 | * Action plan to further work towards compliance has been drafted and includes the development of an audit plan when key items of work have been completed.
* Although action plan has been considered during 2023/24, minimal progress has been made. Plans have been made for training courses to be attended to support this work.
 | 2020/21 Ongoing. Not currently fully compliant so DPO has not undertaken any auditing.Risk = Medium2021/22 Ongoing. Not currently fully compliant so DPO has not undertaken any auditing.Risk = Medium2022/23 Ongoing. Not currently fully compliant so DPO has not undertaken any auditing.Risk = Medium2023/24 Ongoing. Not currently fully compliant so DPO has not undertaken any auditing.Risk = Medium |
|  | The organisation will take account of the DPOs advice and the information the DPO provides on data protection obligations. | * Advice provided as requested or if DPO identifies a need.
 | * This is an area that will continue to be monitored and concerns raised with the CEx if necessary.
* No instance of advice provided not being taken.
 | 2020/21 No current risk2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk2023/24 No current risk |
|  | The DPO shall ensure that the organisation documents the reason why any advice given by the DPO is not followed. | * Record kept by DPO of all times advice was requested. A log will be made if the organisation chooses not to follow any advice provided.
 | * This is an area that will continue to be monitored and concerns raised with the CEx if necessary.
* No instance of advice provided not being taken.
 | 2020/21 No current risk2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk2023/24 No current risk |
| Article 39 (1)(c) | The advice and input of the DPO will be sought when a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is undertaken; | * Advice is sought when a DPIA is drafted although projects the OPCC is involved in that contain personal information are minimal.
* Guidance notes are available to support OPCC staff to complete a DPIA.
 | * This is an area that will continue to be monitored.
* If the use of DPIAs becomes more prevalent specific training on their requirements and completion can be considered.
* DPIA guidance review has now been added into the Policy Review table.
* DPIA guidance will be reviewed after changes to data protection legislation have been announced to ensure it’s up to date.
 | 2020/21 Ongoing. Risk = Low2021/22 Ongoing. Risk = Low2022/23 Ongoing. Risk = Low2023/24 Ongoing. Risk = Low |
| Article 39 (1)(c) | The DPO will also monitor the performance of the DPIA pursuant to article 35 (DPIA’s). | * Minimal DPIAs are in place for the OPCC and are reviewed as necessary.
 | * Plan needed to periodically build in reviews of DPIAs. Development of an audit plan has been built into the data protection action plan resulting from the external review.
 | 2020/21 Ongoing. Risk = Low2021/22 Ongoing. Risk = Low2022/23 Ongoing. Risk = Low2023/24 Ongoing. Risk = Low |
| Article 39 (1)(d) & (e) | The DPO acts as a contact point for the ICO, and as such will co-operate with the ICO including during prior consultations under Article 36 (Prior Consultation) and will consult, where appropriate, on any other matter. | * ICO have name and contact details of the DPO.
* Any relevant contact will be dealt with by the DPO as appropriate.
 | * No further action required.
 | 2020/21 No current risk2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk2023/24 No current risk |
| Article 39 (2) | The DPO has due regard to the risk associated with processing operations, and takes into account the nature, scope, context and purpose of the processing. | * DPO should be consulted on the risks associated with high-risk processing activities relating to personal data although these are minimal.
* Any data protection risks will be owned by the DPO.
 | * This is an area that will continue to be monitored and concerns raised with the CEx if necessary.
* Minimal high risk processing is undertaken by the OPCC.
 | 2020/21 No current risk2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk2023/24 No current risk |
| **Accessibility of the DPO** |
| Article 37 (7) | The controller or the processor shall publish the contact details of the data protection officer and communicate them to the supervisory authority. | * Name and contact details for the DPO are published on the OPCC website and included in all privacy notices. This information has also been provided to the ICO.
 | * No further action required.
 | 2020/21 No current risk2021/22 No current risk2022/23 No current risk2023/24 No current risk |
| Article 38 (4) | Data subjects may contact the data protection officer with regard to all issues related to processing of their personal data and to the exercise of their rights under this Regulation. | * The DPO will be available to all data subjects during the working day.
* Any contact required outside of the working day can be submitted via email.
 | * Consideration needs to be given as to the process to be implemented in the absence of the DPO for reasons such as illness or annual leave.
* There isn’t anyone within the OPCC who is able to pick this work up. If a contract is put in place with an external expert to provide support to the DPO as required then this could be used in the DPOs absence.
 | 2020/21 Ongoing. Risk = Low2021/22 Ongoing. Risk = Low2022/23 Ongoing. Risk = Low2023/24 Ongoing. Risk = Low |

**Risk Rating Key:**

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| **BBRAG Key** |
|  | Complete |
|  | On hold |
|  | Not on target - immediate/significant cause for concern |
|  | Mainly on target - there are some minor issues that may impact completion of objective |
|  | On target |