**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

**The Data Protection Act 2018 controls how your personal information is used by organisations, businesses or the government.**

**Everyone responsible for using personal data has to follow strict rules called ‘data protection principles’. They must make sure that the information is:**

* **Used fairly, lawfully and transparently**
* **Used for a specified, explicit purpose**
* **Used in a way that is adequate, relevant and limited to only what is necessary**
* **Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date**
* **Kept for no longer than is necessary**
* **Handled in a way that ensures appropriate security, including protection against unlawful or unauthorised processing, access, loss destruction or damage**

**Your rights**

**Under the Data Protection Act 2018, you have the right to find out information the government and other organisations store about you. These include the right to:**

* **Be informed about how your data is being used**
* **Access personal data**
* **Have incorrect data updated**
* **Have data erased**
* **Stop or restrict the processing of you data**
* **Data portability (allowing you to get and reuse you’re your data for different services**
* **Object to how your data is processed in certain circumstances**