



Dear Colleague

Community pharmacy contractors should be aware that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is approaching and that you must comply with the GDPR by 25 May 2018.

The changes for community pharmacies will include:

- The need to demonstrate compliance with data protection principles and take other proactive steps for compliance including certain record keeping.
- The need for a Fair Processing Notice to explain to data subjects how you process their data – what many are calling a Privacy Notice.
- The need to ensure you have appropriate agreements with those who process personal data for you or those whose personal data you process.

PSNC has published an update that can be viewed here:

<http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/general-data-protection-regulation-update-for-contractors/>

Further information will be coming out over the next few weeks.

Further information can be found on the Information Commissioners Website

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>

Regards,

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