

GDPR AND DATA PROTECTION

Currently the UK GDPR restricts transfers of personal data outside the UK unless the individual's personal data is protected in another way.

What is "personal data" under the UK GDPR?

Physical/
physiological/
genetic/
mental data



Economic/
cultural/ social
data



name/ identification
number/ location
data/
online identifier



What about data relating to a company?

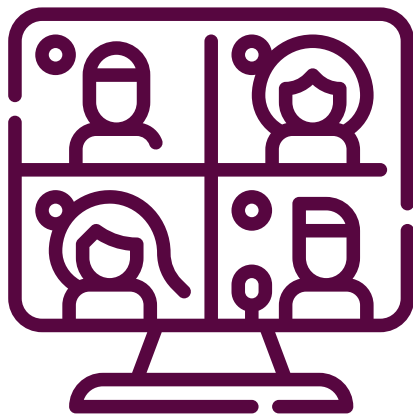
Information about companies or public authorities itself is not categorised as "personal data". But information about the individuals acting as sole traders, employee, partners, and/or company directors may constitute personal data.

Is a corporate email address personal data under the UK GDPR?

Potentially yes. When a corporate email address clearly relates to a particular individual, an email address is personal data. But if the email address is not identifiable with particular individual(s), then it would not be so. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) says that business data such as a work email address (as long as it doesn't contain someone's name) is exempt from data protection law.



What should we keep in mind in running/taking part in a video conference?



- Check and make use of privacy and security features at your end – e.g. restricting meeting access by using passwords, controlling who is allowed to share their screens, who are the host/co-hosts;
- Be vigilant on phishing risks – e.g. watch out and be careful what to click on chat features;
- Keep all your software up to date and;
- Be compliant with your organisation's policy/ies.

What shall we do if we are uncertain whether the information we are collecting is personal data?

If you are uncertain whether the information you are collecting be deemed to be personal data, it would be prudent that you treat that information as personal data and to protect them as such – namely, you keep the information secure, protect it from inappropriate disclosure, be transparent about the facts and be compliant with the data protection legislation.