## DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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## Data Breaches

Since taking on the role of Data Protection Officer for the GP Practices in the West Pennine area, I have dealt with several data breaches. Please can I remind you that any data breach should be recorded on the practice's data breach register. I have attached a template which you may wish to use if you don't already have one in place. If there is a data breach, ALL parties should be advised and of course measures should be put in place to avoid it happening again.



The supervisory authority, the Information Commissioners' Office, should be advised within 72 hours of the breach, although not all breaches need reporting to the ICO. GDPR article 33 states: *In the case of a personal data breach, the controller shall without undue delay and, where feasible, not later than 72 hours after having become aware of it, notify the personal data breach to the supervisory authority competent in accordance with Article 55, unless the personal data breach is unlikely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons. Where the notification to the supervisory authority is not made within 72 hours, it shall be accompanied by reasons for the delay.* 

If in doubt, please don't hesitate to contact me on my mobile 07951 530 417 or email westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

