

We provide Data Privacy and Information Security consultancy, supported by our compliance management software, DataWise.



DPIA as a service

Overview

A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) is a method of reviewing the risks associated with certain data processing activities. It is a legal requirement to carry out a DPIA in several circumstances. Undertaking a DPIA requires objectivity and a detachment from the data processing and often requires a dogmatic persistence to get to the bottom of things both with colleagues and external suppliers/partners. Outsourcing DPIAs makes sense by engaging with experienced data privacy professionals to ask the tough questions and objectively review and present the risks.

Doing DPIAs

The person conducting the DPIA must be impartial with nothing to gain or lose on the outcome. They can have no vested interest, no pre-conceived ideas and they must be able to rise above internal or intra-company politics. For these reasons many organisations outsource their DPIAs.

Why choose us?

We are specialists in Data Protection and Information Security. Our team has decades of practical experience and a proven track record of identifying and mitigating risks so you can be sure you are in the safest hands.

The DPIA process

The process for undertaking a DPIA depends on the nature of the project or processing being examined but all DPIAs require the gathering and collation of information. It requires the corroboration and validation of information and a critical analysis of the potential impact of particular processing activities on individuals.

Privacy risks associated with the processing activities must be identified and their likelihood and impact evaluated.

The risk identification must be thorough – no stone should be left unturned. Mitigation for the identified risks need to be defined and explored – metrics need to be identified to enable testing the effectiveness of the mitigation measures because if the processing activities go live, the law expects accountability.

How we can help?

Undertaking a DPIA can take several hours spread over many weeks. Meetings, conference calls and literature reviews are required to ensure a thorough understanding of all aspects of the project and its proposed data processing activities. Our consultants are experienced in reviewing data processing operations. They know the questions to ask and they know when they are not getting the answers they need to identify the risks.