

Data Protection Act compliance is about helping staff understand their responsibilities

/EINPresswire.com/ Following the [Information Commissioner's](#) statement that 'there is clearly an underlying problem with data protection in local government', the data protection experts at [IT Governance](#) warn, that the problem has to be addressed at staff level.

Data protection is an issue that affects all organisations. In the UK all organisations must comply with the Data Protection Act (DPA), and face stiff penalties if they breach it. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has reported that so far nineteen local councils have received monetary penalties totalling £1,885,000 for breaching the Data Protection Act.

Alan Calder, CEO of IT Governance, says, "In the fight against identity theft, staff is the weakest link. Many organisations fail to address this issue appropriately. Either they are failing to educate staff or they are not using the right means.

"It's not enough to simply draft a policy statement, put it on the Intranet and ask employees to sign a piece of paper once they've read it. Organisations need to be more proactive in helping staff understand their responsibilities under the DPA."

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