

What Does the New GDRP Mean for me as a Coordinator?

The Neighbourhood Watch Network (NWN) have prepared a document for Force Area and Borough Associations and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators: [NWN Data Protection Guidance 2018](#).

This Guidance takes account of impending changes to Data Protection legislation under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that are relevant to Neighbourhood Watch members. These changes come into effect on 25th May 2018.

It has been prepared after extensive consultation with the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office), other partners and some of their members.

The Guidance condenses a number of separate guidance documents published by the ICO into one document that is relevant for the type of data held by Neighbourhood Watch groups and the purpose that these data are used for. For ease of use also included is a quick checklist as an annex highlighting the main areas that you as a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator need to consider and where in the document you can find further guidance.

The NWN have received reassurance from the ICO that there is **no need** for Neighbourhood Watch to reaffirm the consent of our current members for their data to be used for the purposes of communication and scheme administration by either their local Force Area/ Borough Associations, Neighbourhood Watch coordinators or Neighbourhood Watch Network (on the national Scheme Register). Going forward this consent **will need to be evidenced for new members joining us**. Changes are underway to the national Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Register on Neighbourhood Alert to ensure that the system is fully compliant by 25th May 2018 and it is easier for Neighbourhood Watch members to register and their consent to be evidenced.

NWN recommends that member data be stored on the national NW Scheme Register (Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch).