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GDPR Masterclass: Data Processing, Data Sharing and Managing Data Breaches

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Master data protection law beyond GDPR. Learn practical strategies for processing and sharing data, and breach management. Navigate complex regulations, minimise risk and gain actionable insights to protect your business.



Format:
Live online



CPD:
3 hours for your records



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Course overview

Cut through the complexity of data protection law and gain the practical skills to protect your business. Data protection law goes far beyond GDPR, with overlapping regulations that, if misunderstood, can lead to fines, reputational damage, or operational disruption.

Led by expert Mark Weston, this intensive masterclass turns legal complexity into practical guidance. You'll gain clarity on critical distinctions - like data processing versus data sharing - and understand controller, processor and joint controller responsibilities. Real-world examples and case studies show how regulatory decisions shape best practice across sectors.

The course also covers data breach management, including response strategies, reporting obligations and risk mitigation under multiple regulatory frameworks.

There will also be time during the course for you to ask your questions to the trainer ensuring your specific challenges are addressed. Walk away with actionable knowledge, confidence in compliance decisions, and practical tools to protect your business in today's complex data environment.

Presenters firm

WESTON LEGAL

Weston Legal is a leading specialist boutique firm specialising in Commercial law, Technology law, Media law, Intellectual Property law, Data law and Regulatory law and practice. From its founding, the firm has always committed to provide a fast and efficient service wherever its clients operate. As its business has grown and diversified, it has recognised the strength and importance of the principles held by its people; putting clients first and operating as one team to realise its goals and share its success. These principles have formed the foundation of its culture and the way its lawyers interact with one another and the firm's clients. They are what distinguish it and are vital to its future.

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Mark also operates as a leading consultant to Hill Dickinson LLP, a leading and award-winning international law firm with offices in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Piraeus, Singapore, Monaco and Hong Kong. As a full service law firm, it delivers advice and strategic guidance spanning the full legal spectrum from non-contentious advisory and transactional work, to all forms of dispute resolution. The firm is on the panel of a number of national and international organisations and regularly competes against many of the City firms. In recent months, they have been able to win a number of panel reviews against City firms.

To find out more out what Mark can do for you via Hill Dickinson, please contact him via www.hilldickinson.com

Benefits of attending

By attending this course you will:

- **Master** the complex legal framework governing data processing and sharing, and data breaches
- **Gain** an understanding of controller, processor, and joint controller definitions - including the critical areas where these roles blur and create unexpected liability exposure
- **Develop** expertise in managing controller-processor relationships and joint controller obligations, including structuring commercial agreements that allocate responsibilities
- **Get to grips** with comprehensive breach management across multiple regulatory frameworks, from immediate incident response to long-term remediation strategies
- **Identify** and respond effectively to diverse breach types including hacking, phishing, malware, denial-of-service attacks and cybercrime tool distribution
- **Navigate** complex reporting requirements ensuring you meet all obligations from ICO notifications to potential criminal reporting under various Acts
- **Understand** territorial and cross-border implications that affect your compliance obligations
- **Protect** your organisation from regulatory fines, reputational damage, operational disruption, and potential criminal liability through proactive compliance strategies

Who should attend?

This masterclass has been designed specifically for:

- In-house lawyers
- Private practice lawyers
- Data protection officers
- Compliance managers
- Information governance managers and privacy officers
- Risk managers
- Legal advisers
- IT and data management professionals
- Board members and business owners

Plus, anyone who uses or possesses personal data.

Programme

Definitions of controller, processor and joint controller and where the lines blur

- Factors the regulator considers that go into the definitions of each in difficult cases
- ICO guidance and examples
- EDPB flowcharts and guidance

Controller obligations, processor obligations and splitting controller obligations between joint controllers

Application of controller to processor clauses and commercial considerations

Managing data breaches: outline of applicable laws

- Data Protection Act 2018, UK GDPR
- The Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 (PECR)
- Communications Act 2003
- The Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018 (NIS Regulations)
- The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)
- Investigatory Powers Act 2016
- Computer Misuse Act 1990
- Official Secrets Act 1989
- Governance obligations
- Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988
- Trade Marks Act 1994 and Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 may also apply alongside the Fraud Act 2006 and Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
- The Malicious Communications Act 1988

Understanding the different data breach types

- Hacking
- Unsolicited penetration testing
- Denial-of-service attacks
- Malware infections
- Phishing
- Distribution, sale or offering for sale (or possession or use) of hardware, software or other tools used to commit cybercrime
- Identity theft and identity fraud
- Criminal issues
- Civil issues

Territorial issues to consider

Reporting requirements under the different applicable laws

Presenter



Mark Weston

Mark Weston has run his own law firm, Weston Legal, since 1 January 2024. He is also a consultant at Hill Dickinson LLP where he joined in February 2016 as a partner and Head of its Commercial, TMT & IP Practice. Before that, he was a partner and Head of the Commercial/IP/IT Team at Matthew Arnold & Baldwin LLP and before that, he spent several years at Baker & McKenzie in London and Chicago and has also previously been seconded to Hewlett Packard and other technology businesses. He changed role to become a consultant in Hill Dickinson's London office in January 2024.

Expertise: Mark's practice covers both non-contentious and contentious matters in all areas of commercial law, intellectual property law, information technology law, Internet, electronic commerce and on-line services law. He specialises in commercial and Tech issues. Mark is used as a 'trusted adviser' by many clients in all sorts of businesses and often acts as 'private practice in-house counsel' for many clients. He specialises in tech and internet businesses.

Clients: Just some of Mark's more well-known clients include Elstree Film Studios, RTL Group S.A., Sykes Cottages, Retailcorp Brands LLC, The Gulf Marketing Group, Moneytint Limited and the BBC.

Some detail: Mark has extensive experience in advising clients on all manner of commercial matters (such as business planning and solutions, franchising, distribution, agency and marketing) through branding and intellectual property exploitation and licensing, to advice and documentation regarding hardware and software issues (such as development, licensing, maintenance and distribution, SaaS and cloud, Internet transactional solutioning, B2B, B2C and B2G electronic commerce, S-commerce and M-Commerce, social media, outsourcing, facilities management, procurement, IT policies, data protection (privacy), GDPR and freedom of information issues as well as artificial intelligence (AI)). He has a particular expertise in new digital business and revenue streams. He is also experienced in dealing with software disputes and IT litigation. The increasingly extensive media side of his practice relates primarily to publishing (both real world and digital content), to games and gaming platforms (and particularly transmedia technologies), advising companies about their advertising onscreen, online and in print and managing their public communications strategies generally (dealing with the CMA and ASA in the process) – and also a smattering of television, film and music exploitation. Recently he has been very active in AI advice.

More unusual:

Mark has previously spent several months on secondment to Hewlett Packard and he has also been seconded to assist in the legal problems arising in new technology companies such as Symbian. From 2000 to 2001, Mark was resident in the Chicago office of Baker & McKenzie advising US clients on European and UK aspects of IT and electronic commerce law and practice.

Mark is the author of the *Legal Practice Companion*, a parallel text book used at several law schools, the editor of the *IP and Media Law Companion* as well as the rest of the Companion series of books published by Bloomsbury Professional, Tottels, Cavendish Publishing and Oxford University Press. He has noted numerous reports for the *IT Law Reports* and is widely published in *Computing*, *Computers & Law*, *Computer Law & Security Report*, *IT Law Today*, *Intellectual Property World*, *Solicitors Journal* and many other journals both online and offline. Mark has also authored articles syndicated in the national and trade press and is regularly quoted in national newspapers and is heard on radio as an expert in his fields. Mark is the author of the *Business Names on the Internet* chapter in the *PLC Ecommerce Manual* as well as numerous other articles on various Commercial & IT law topics.

Mark lectures regularly on all Commercial, IP and IT law topics, including at the IBC IT 'Summer School' Programme in Cambridge, England; the Falconbury and MBL two-day and three-day Commercial Contracts seminars (run several times a year) and IT Contracts seminars (run three times a year) in London; and he has previously lectured at the Annual On-line & Internet Commerce Law Institute seminar in Chicago and tutored at University College London. He also runs a programme of bespoke training schemes on commercial law, IP law, IT law, AI law and data law as well as soft skills programmes such as negotiation skills and presentation skills.

Finally, you may have seen that Mark likes blogging and writing books, which are available at all good bookshops! He also appears regularly on BBC1 (usually providing advice on-screen to BBC Watchdog) and also on Sky News as a legal commentator, as well as trying to avoid the huge quantity of pink powder the TV make-up girls want to apply to his increasingly receding hairline.

Course dates

13 May 2026

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Reviews



Content had practical examples relating to the applicable Legislations/Regulations and the speaker communicated this clearly.



Bisi Akanni
Information Compliance Officer
London School of Hygiene and Tropical
Medicine
Nov 9 2023



All was useful



Marina Varghese
Paralegal
VITOL SERVICES LIMITED
Nov 10 2022



Very good.



Mariia Lys
Consultant
CIS London
Aug 3 2022



Overall a good and informative course. :)



Isha Mirza-Bari
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