

| Date | Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 | Source |
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| 19 June 2026 | <p>Section 103</p> <p>Creates a right for individuals to complain directly to controllers if their personal data under the UK GDPR or Data Protection Act 2018 is mishandled. Controllers must facilitate complaints, acknowledge them within 30 days, respond without undue delay, and keep complainants informed. Allows regulators to require controllers to report complaint numbers. Updates remove certain duplicative provisions relating to complaints to the Commissioner and include minor consequential amendments.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/103</p> |
| | <p>Schedule 10</p> <p>Makes technical amendments to the UK GDPR and DPA 2018 to align existing provisions with the new statutory complaints framework and ensure consistency.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/10</p> |
| 12 February 2026 | <p>Section 123</p> <p>Amends the Digital Economy Act 2017 to allow government data to be shared not just for individuals and households, but also for businesses and charities (“undertakings”) to help improve services or support their trade, business, or charitable activities. Defines “undertaking” and clarifies charitable purposes across UK regions.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/123</p> |
| 6 February 2026 | <p>Section 138</p> <p>Introduces criminal offences for intentionally creating or requesting the creation of intimate deepfake images of an adult without consent or a reasonable belief in consent, expanding the Sexual Offences Act 2003 to cover non-consensual synthetic imagery.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/138</p> |
| | <p>Section 67</p> <p>Defines what counts as scientific research and statistical processing of personal data in the UK GDPR, providing clarity on when research-related data use falls within those categories (including commercial research and genealogical research).</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/67</p> |
| | <p>Section 68</p> | |

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| <p>Clarifies how consent can lawfully be used as a basis for personal data processing in scientific research when the precise purposes aren't known at the outset, by setting out conditions for valid broad consent under the UK GDPR.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/68</p> |
| <p>Section 70</p> <p>Expands and clarifies lawful bases in UK GDPR Article 6, including a new "recognised legitimate interests" ground.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/70</p> |
| <p>Section 71</p> <p>Clarifies when further processing or re-use of personal data is compatible with the original purpose.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/71</p> |
| <p>Section 72</p> <p>Clarifies that controllers can process personal data under public interest grounds based on relevant international law.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/72</p> |
| <p>Section 73</p> <p>Extends the period for elected representatives to process special category data in connection with casework.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/73</p> |
| <p>Section 75</p> <p>Requires controllers to publish fees guidance, justify refusals for excessive requests, and inform data subjects of complaint rights.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/75</p> |
| <p>Section 76</p> <p>Clarifies and extends time limits for responding to data subject access and other rights requests, including conditions for extending deadlines.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/76</p> |
| <p>Section 77</p> <p>Amends UK GDPR to allow a disproportionate effort exemption for research/statistics and adjusts related notice rules.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/77</p> |
| <p>Section 80</p> <p>Reforms the UK GDPR's automated decisions regime, simplifying requirements and setting out safeguards.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/80</p> |

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| <p>Section 81</p> <p>Requires controllers of information society services likely used by children to consider children’s needs in system design.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/81</p> |
| <p>Section 83</p> <p>Amends Article 41 of the UK GDPR so accredited monitoring bodies need only notify the Information Commissioner if they suspend or exclude someone from a GDPR code of conduct.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/83</p> |
| <p>Section 85</p> <p>Introduces reforms to international data transfer rules, including a new data protection test for adequacy.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/85</p> |
| <p>Section 86</p> <p>Creates a new chapter setting out safeguards for research, archiving and statistical purposes.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/86</p> |
| <p>Section 87</p> <p>Revises cross-border transfer safeguards for law-enforcement personal data.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/87</p> |
| <p>Section 94</p> <p>Allows the Information Commissioner to charge a fee or refuse requests that are manifestly unfounded or excessive, and consolidates the relevant powers in the DPA 2018.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/94</p> |
| <p>Section 98</p> <p>Enables the Information Commissioner to require a controller or processor to arrange for an approved person to prepare and provide a specified report as part of an assessment notice, and sets out associated procedural and enforcement powers.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/98</p> |
| <p>Section 99</p> <p>Removes the exemption that previously prevented the ICO from issuing assessment notices to Ofsted, allowing the Commissioner to audit Ofsted in the event of suspected data breaches.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/99</p> |
| <p>Section 100</p> | |

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| <p>Gives the ICO power to issue interview notices and enforce compliance.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/100</p> |
| <p>Section 101 Amends the penalty notice regime so the Information Commissioner has more time to issue a final penalty notice after giving a notice of intent and must report publicly on notices issued outside the normal six-month period and the reasons why.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/101</p> |
| <p>Section 105 Ensures the ICO's new enforcement powers also apply to trust service providers regulated under the UK eIDAS regime.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/105</p> |
| <p>Section 110 Clarifies key definitions and time period interpretation in the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) 2003.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/110</p> |
| <p>Section 112 Reforms how civil penalties are applied and enforced by the ICO.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/112</p> |
| <p>Section 114 Allows charities to send unsolicited marketing emails and texts to individuals for furthering their charitable purposes under a "soft opt-in" exception.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/114</p> |
| <p>Section 115 Aligns PECR enforcement with the ICO's modern powers under the Data Protection Act.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/115</p> |
| <p>Section 116 Clarifies how the Information Commissioner's new enforcement powers (such as assessment notices, interview notices and enforcement notices) apply across the UK GDPR, DPA 2018 and PECR.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/116</p> |
| <p>Section 120 Provides for transfer of assets, rights and liabilities from the Information Commissioner to the new Information Commission.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/120</p> |

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| <p>Section 121</p> <p>Establishes the Information Commission as a corporate body and sets out its legal status, including its powers to own property and enter contracts in its own name.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/121</p> |
| <p>Section 130</p> <p>Adds interview notices into the appeals and notice interpretation framework of the Data Protection Act 2018.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/130</p> |
| <p>Section 132</p> <p>Allows the ICO to finish enforcement actions started before the new regime takes effect.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/132</p> |
| <p>Subsection (4) of Section 133</p> <p>Preserves ongoing enforcement actions under prior rules when the new regime comes into force.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/133</p> |
| <p>Schedule 4</p> <p>Inserts a new Annex1 into the UK GDPR listing specific processing activities that count as “recognised legitimate interests” for a new lawful basis under Article 6(1)(ea).</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/4</p> |
| <p>Schedule 5</p> <p>Adds Annex2 to UK GDPR listing further processing activities treated as compatible with the original purpose.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/5</p> |
| <p>Schedule 6</p> <p>Adjusts UK GDPR and DPA 2018 texts so they align with the new automated decision-making framework.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/6</p> |
| <p>Schedule 7</p> <p>Amends UK GDPR Chapter 5 to reflect the updated international transfer rules.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/7</p> |
| <p>Schedule 8</p> <p>Adjusts and repeals provisions to align existing law with the updated international data-transfer framework.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/8</p> |
| <p>Schedule 9</p> | |

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| | Updates law-enforcement personal data transfer provisions to fit the new transfer regime. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/9 |
| | <p>Schedule 11</p> <p>Details staff transfers, pensions, and property arrangements for the new Information Commission.</p> | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/11 |
| | <p>Schedule 12</p> <p>Provides transitional rules for continuity of functions and rights during the transfer to the Information Commission.</p> | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/12 |
| | <p>Schedule 13</p> <p>Defines core governance and operational provisions for the Information Commission.</p> | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/13 |
| | <p>Schedule 15</p> <p>Amends Part 9 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 so that information standards can cover IT and IT services used in connection with health and adult social care.</p> | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/15 |
| 1 December 2025 | <p>Part 2 (Digital Verification Services)</p> <p>Establishes a statutory trust framework, register and trust mark for digital verification service providers, and an information gateway to support trusted online identity checks.</p> <p>Sections 45, 46, 47 and 48 excluded</p> <p>Addresses public authorities sharing information with registered digital verification service providers.</p> | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/part/2 |
| 17 November 2025 | <p>Section 89</p> <p>Enables qualifying competent authorities and intelligence services to jointly process personal data under a single regime by allowing designation notices, so Part 4 of the Data Protection Act 2018 applies jointly with appropriate safeguards.</p> | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/89 |
| | <p>Section 90</p> <p>Updates the DPA 2018 and related law to support the new joint processing regime between law enforcement and intelligence services.</p> | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/90 |
| | <p>Section 79</p> <p>Introduces a new exemption in the</p> | |

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| <p>5 September 2025</p> | <p>law-enforcement data protection regime so that communications covered by legal professional privilege (or confidentiality of communications in Scotland) do not have to be disclosed to the data subject. It also allows competent authorities to give a “neither confirm nor deny” response where confirming privilege would undermine it.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/79</p> |
| | <p>Section 88 Introduces a national security exemption into Part 3 of the DPA 2018, allowing competent authorities to disapply certain data protection principles, rights, obligations, and enforcement provisions where doing so is required for the purposes of safeguarding national security, aligning the law-enforcement regime with similar exemptions in the UK GDPR and intelligence services regime.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/88</p> |
| | <p>Part 1 (Access to Customer Data and Business Data) Establishes foundational definitions, scope, application and interpretation rules for the Act and connects it properly with the UK GDPR and law-enforcement data regime.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/part/1</p> |
| | <p>Section 72 Amends UK GDPR Articles 6(1)(e), 9(2)(g), 10, and new 8A(3)(e) so relevant international law can be a lawful basis for processing; 72(7) inserts DPA 2018 s.9A linking this to new Schedule A1.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/72</p> |
| | <p>Section 74 Inserts UK GDPR Article 11A, giving the Secretary of State new powers over processing of special category personal data.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/74</p> |
| | <p>Section 84 Inserts DPA 2018 s.71A; ICO must encourage expert bodies to develop codes of practice for law enforcement data use.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/84</p> |
| | <p>Section 91 Sets out the duties of the ICO in carrying out its functions.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/91</p> |
| | <p>Section 92 Replaces DPA 2018 s.128 with new s.124A; Secretary of State can require ICO to produce additional statutory codes of practice.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/92</p> |
| | <p>Section 93 Updates procedures for ICO codes of practice</p> | |

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| including panel review and impact assessment. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/95 |
| Section 95 Sets minimum annual performance analysis and reporting duties for the ICO to Parliament. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/95 |
| Section 102 Requires an annual ICO report on regulatory action. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/102 |
| Section 104 Clarifies application in court proceedings to determine entitlement to DSAR or data portability rights. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/104 |
| Section 106 Clarifies interaction between data protection law and other statutory restrictions on personal data processing. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/106 |
| Section 107 Provides rules for making regulations under UK GDPR powers, including consultation requirements. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/107 |
| Section 108 Introduces Schedule 11. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/108 |
| Section 109 Clarifies "PECR regulations" refers to PECR (who'd have thought it?) | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/109 |
| Section 110 Defines direct marketing in PECR per DPA 2018, updates reporting time periods, excludes 110(2)(a), (b),(3). | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/110 |
| Section 111 Extends reporting of personal data breaches under PECR to ICO to "without undue delay and where feasible, not later than 72 hours." | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/111 |
| Section 113 Clarifies calculation of time period in PECR reg.16A(6) for emergency alerts. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/113 |
| Section 117 Establishes the Information Commission. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/117 |
| Section 125 Allows the Secretary of State to make regulations allowing researchers access to OSA-regulated services for online harm research. | https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/125 |

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| <p>Section 129 Amends retained EU law version of Regulation (EU)910/2014 (UK eIDAS) on electronic ID & trust services.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/129</p> | |
| <p>Section 134 Clarifies time periods in UK eIDAS Regulation and EITSET Regulations.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/134</p> | |
| <p>Section 135 Secretary of State must prepare & publish economic impact assessment (EIA) of AI copyright policy options by March 2026 and lay before Parliament.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/135</p> | |
| <p>Section 136 Secretary of State must prepare & publish report on use of copyright works in AI system development by March 2026, considering consultation options.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/136</p> | |
| <p>Section 137 Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a statement on progress of EIA & s.136 report by 19 Dec 2025 if not already published.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/137</p> | |
| <p>Schedule 11 Miscellaneous minor amendments to UK GDPR and DPA 2018 (excluding paras.22,23,25,28–32).</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/11</p> | |
| <p>Schedule 14 Inserts new Schedule 12A into DPA 2018 providing additional provisions about the Information Commission.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/schedule/14</p> | |
| <p>19 August 2025</p> | <p>Section 69 Introduces a definition of consent into Part 3 of the DPA 2018 aligned with the UK GDPR and sets out conditions for relying on consent as a lawful basis in law-enforcement data processing.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/69</p> |
| | <p>Section 82 Updates the UK GDPR's automated decision-making provisions so data subjects have rights to meaningful information about the logic involved in automated decisions and safeguards where decisions significantly affect them.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/82</p> |
| | <p>Section 96 Overhauls how the Information Commissioner serves enforcement notices under the DPA 2018.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/96</p> |

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| | <p>Section 97 Empowers the Information Commissioner to require specified information or documents during an investigation.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/97</p> |
| 20 June 2025 | <p>DUAA published.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/contents</p> |
| | <p>DUAA Bill receives Royal Assessment, becoming the Data Use and Access Act 2025.</p> | |
| | <p>Section 66 Amends Article 9(1) of the UK GDPR to update or clarify the definition of "special category personal data," making clear what types of sensitive personal data fall into this category for the purposes of the Act and the GDPR.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/66</p> |
| 19 June 2025 | <p>Section 78 Makes explicit that controllers must carry out only reasonable and proportionate searches to fulfil data subject access and similar rights.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/78</p> |
| | <p>Section 127 Allows indefinite retention of pseudonymised biometric data received from overseas by law enforcement if identifiers are removed promptly.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/127</p> |
| | <p>Section 128 Permits indefinite retention of pseudonymised biometric data received from INTERPOL when identifiers are promptly removed.</p> | <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/128</p> |