

# Data Protection Act 1998 Policy Statement



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## 1. Policy statement

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The Data Protection Act 1998 came into force on 1 March 2000. The Act strengthens and extends the data protection regime created by the Data Protection Act 1984, which it replaces and is intended to protect the rights of individuals when their information is processed.

The 1998 Act applies to all personal data held by the organisation.

Cleveland Police acknowledges the clear benefits of having accurate and up to date information available for use, in an appropriate format, when and where it is required.

In order to achieve the lawful handling of information, Cleveland Police will comply with the eight principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.