

Health Professions Council

31 May 2007

Subject Information Statement

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The current Data Protection Act (1998) requires that organisations inform those whose data is processed, of the type and purposes to which that data is put. Our existing information to applicants and registrants requires expansion.

To this end we are working on a Subject Information Statement with Bircham, Dyson Bell. This statement will give details of the information processed and the purposes for which we use it.

This will cover; applications for registration, investigating complaints, publishing results of complaints, transferring personal data to other authorised bodies or third parties involved in investigations, statutory and regulatory compliance, informing stakeholders about the activities of HPC, transferring personal data to business directories to ensure only authorised persons advertise their services in such directories, informing registrants of changes to practice or legislation that may affect their practice, keeping registrants informed of any developments or activities which may assist registrants practice.

The following key items should be noted in particular

- The statement will be designed to be applicable across all communication media
- The proposed sensitive personal information to be collected in future
- Indicate how information may be shared
- The relative lack of data protection laws outside the EEA, and how this may impact the use of the HPC website.
- The monitoring of telephone calls and emails

Decision

The Council is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

Data Protection Act 1998

Resource implications

Internal for the most part

Financial implications

Minor work from our Parliamentary Agents, Bircham Dyson Bell

Appendices

None

Date of paper

22 May 2007