



Data Protection Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 29

PART I

PRELIMINARY

2 Sensitive personal data.

In this Act “sensitive personal data” means personal data consisting of information as to—

- (a) the racial or ethnic origin of the data subject,
- (b) his political opinions,
- (c) his religious beliefs or other beliefs of a similar nature,
- (d) whether he is a member of a trade union (within the meaning of the ^{M1}Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992),
- (e) his physical or mental health or condition,
- (f) his sexual life,
- (g) the commission or alleged commission by him of any offence, or
- (h) any proceedings for any offence committed or alleged to have been committed by him, the disposal of such proceedings or the sentence of any court in such proceedings.

Annotations:

Marginal Citations

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- s. 20(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 20 para. 4\(c\)](#)
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- s. 55(2)(ca) inserted by [2008 c. 4 s. 78](#)