



Data Protection Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 29

PART III

NOTIFICATION BY DATA CONTROLLERS

21 Offences.

- (1) If section 17(1) is contravened, the data controller is guilty of an offence.
- (2) Any person who fails to comply with the duty imposed by notification regulations made by virtue of section 20(1) is guilty of an offence.
- (3) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (2) to show that he exercised all due diligence to comply with the duty.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Data Protection Act 1998. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 6](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Data Protection Act 1998:

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2011/601 art. 2](#) commences (1998 c. 29)