



# Data Protection Act 2018

## 2018 CHAPTER 12

### PART 3

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCESSING

### CHAPTER 4

#### CONTROLLER AND PROCESSOR

##### *General obligations*

## 62 Logging

- (1) A controller (or, where personal data is processed on behalf of the controller by a processor, the processor) must keep logs for at least the following processing operations in automated processing systems—
  - (a) collection;
  - (b) alteration;
  - (c) consultation;
  - (d) disclosure (including transfers);
  - (e) combination;
  - (f) erasure.
- (2) The logs of consultation must make it possible to establish—
  - (a) the justification for, and date and time of, the consultation, and
  - (b) so far as possible, the identity of the person who consulted the data.
- (3) The logs of disclosure must make it possible to establish—
  - (a) the justification for, and date and time of, the disclosure, and
  - (b) so far as possible—
    - (i) the identity of the person who disclosed the data, and

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- (ii) the identity of the recipients of the data.
- (4) The logs kept under subsection (1) may be used only for one or more of the following purposes—
- (a) to verify the lawfulness of processing;
  - (b) to assist with self-monitoring by the controller or (as the case may be) the processor, including the conduct of internal disciplinary proceedings;
  - (c) to ensure the integrity and security of personal data;
  - (d) the purposes of criminal proceedings.
- (5) The controller or (as the case may be) the processor must make the logs available to the Commissioner on request.

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(y) added by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 78\(3\)](#)