



### Data Protection Policy update

**Date of meeting** 28 September 2018

**Date of report** 12 September 2018

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive

#### 1. Object of report

To ask the Partnership to approve the updated Data Protection Policy.

#### 2. Background

##### Legislation

The Data Protection Act 1998 has been replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Data Protection Act 2018 ("the Act") repeals and replaces the UK's existing data protection laws to keep them up to date for the digital age in which ever increasing amounts of personal data are being processed. It sets new standards for protecting personal data, in accordance with recent EU data protection laws, giving people more control over use of their data.

The rights that individuals had over their data in the 1998 Act are carried over to the 2018 Act but in some cases these are strengthened.

The Data Protection Policy is integral to SPT's governance arrangements and was last presented to and approved by the Partnership at its meeting on 17 August 2012.

#### 3. Outline of proposals

##### Data Protection Policy

The updated Data Protection Policy outlines SPT's commitment to data protection compliance, general policy and approach and specifies roles and responsibilities to meet the new standards laid out in the 2018 Act.

The Assistant Chief Executive is designated as having overall responsibility for Data Protection and for overseeing the development, maintenance and monitoring of SPT's arrangements for Data Protection.

The Data Protection Policy is applicable to all personal data held by SPT and to all employees, members of the Partnership, third party suppliers and any other individual handling personal information on behalf of SPT.

#### 4. Conclusion

SPT is committed to data protection compliance.

The updated Data Protection Policy has been reviewed and enhanced to reflect recent changes to legislation and provide good practice guidance to all employees, members of the Partnership, third party suppliers and any other individual handling personal information on behalf of SPT.

#### 5. Partnership action

The Partnership is asked to approve the updated Data Protection Policy.

#### 6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>This updated policy reflects recent changes to Data Protection legislation.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>Non-compliance with the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 can lead to administrative penalties and civil action against SPT.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None</i>
Risk consequences	<i>The application of this policy mitigates SPT's risk of a data breach and adverse publicity.</i>

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