

Privacy by Design Questionnaire

The Information Commissioner’s Office state that data protection by design is about considering data protection and privacy issues upfront in everything you do. It can help you ensure that you comply with the GDPR’s fundamental principles and requirements, and forms part of the focus on accountability.

These questions are designed to assess how well your organisation integrates data protection into your processing of personal data activities and business practices, from the design stage right through to the lifecycle.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We consider data protection issues as part of the design and implementation of systems, services, products and business practices.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We make data protection an essential component of the core functionality of our processing systems and services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We anticipate risks and privacy-invasive events before they occur, and take steps to prevent harm to individuals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We only process the personal data that we need for our purposes(s), and that we only use the data for those purposes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We ensure that personal data is automatically protected in any IT system, service, product, and/or business practice, so that individuals should not have to take any specific action to protect their privacy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We provide the identity and contact information of those responsible for data protection both within our organisation and to individuals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We adopt a ‘plain language’ policy for any public documents so that individuals easily understand what we are doing with their personal data.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We provide individuals with tools so they can determine how we are using their personal data, and whether our policies are being properly enforced.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We offer strong privacy defaults, user-friendly options and controls, and respect user preferences.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We only use data processors that provide sufficient guarantees of their technical and organisational measures for data protection by design.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When we use other systems, services or products in our processing activities, we make sure that we only use those whose designers and manufacturers take data protection issues into account.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We use privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs) such as pseudonymisation or obfuscation, to assist us in complying with our data protection by design obligations.
If your ‘yes’ score is:	Adoption of Privacy by Design and Default: Organisational Status	
0-3	At Risk: non-compliant privacy by design practices	
4-6	Average: Basic level of integration with privacy by design principles	
7-9	Well-Managed: Good level of integration with privacy by design principles	
10-12	Excellent: Privacy by Design is the default	