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GDPR

Strengthened data protection requirements come into effect on 25 May through the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The legislation requires personal data to be processed lawfully, kept up to date and only for as long as necessary, and to be protected by technical safeguards. There are also enhanced data rights for individuals.

IPSA's Chief Executive has today written to all MPs to update them on GDPR. The letter is [here](#). The House of Commons have arranged for an external contractor to provide half-day training events for MPs and their staff. For more information contact IT Governance on 01353 494446 or email gdprsupport@itgovernance.co.uk

Local Elections

In some parts of the country, local elections are taking place today. MPs' staff members, paid by IPSA, cannot undertake campaigning or party political activity during working hours. If any staff have been involved in campaign activities, they can take paid or unpaid leave, or do so outside of working hours.

IPSA Online

Our new IPSA Online homepage has been live since December. You can [read more about IPSA Online here](#).

IPSA's new business costs and expenses system is due to launch in full this summer. A series of user testing sessions have been held with MPs and MPs' staff, and the MPs' staff user

group shared their feedback at their meeting on 24 April. In order to get ready for the new system it would be helpful if any claims are submitted promptly to avoid any delays in payments, as the existing systems will need to shut down for a period before the new one goes live. We will write to you soon with more details.

Compliance Officer

Recruitment for a new Compliance Officer is now underway, with a job advertisement [here](#). MPs who want to discuss compliance issues can still do so, with full contact information available on [this website](#).

December pay consultation

The consultation about salary payments in December for MPs and MPs' staff has now closed. Over 500 people responded, and all the comments will be considered before a decision is made. Thanks to all those who took part.

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