IEHG GDPR & Data Protection Policy

On 25 May 2018, the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) replaced the 1995 EU Data Protection Directive (European Directive 95/46/EC) as the main regulation governing Data Protection across the EU. The GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 are the main legislative instruments with which the Ireland East Hospital Group must comply.

GDPR was designed for the purpose of harmonising data privacy laws across Europe by changing the way organisations approach data privacy in order to protect all EU citizens from privacy and data breaches.

This new law gives individuals increased authority over their personal data. Some of these rights include:

• Explicit Consent: Individuals must be informed about how their personal data will be processed.
• Right to Access: At any point in time an individual can ask an organisation what personal data is being stored about him/her.
• Right to be forgotten: An individual can request an organisation to remove their personal information from the organisation's systems although this is not an absolute right.
• Data Portability: An organisation must be able to provide individuals with a copy of their personal data in a machine readable format where that data is held in electronic format.
• Data Corrections: An individual will have the right to have inaccuracies corrected.

In line with the GDPR regulations, the Ireland East Hospital Group and our hospitals, have adopted a range of policies and guidelines focusing on implementing the GDPR Data Protection framework. Within the IEHG Group, our hospitals follow or are closely aligned to those policies and guidelines developed within the HSE. These can be found at https://www.hse.ie/eng/gdpr/. Some of our hospitals have tailored these to suit their specific requirements and these can be found on their individual websites.

If you have any further questions about GDPR and what it means for you, you can contact Data Protection Officer Deborah Keyes at deborah.keyes@hse.ie or (057) 93 57876.