

Virtual Data Protection Officer (vDPO)

Your Data Protection Officer as a Service



What is a Data Protection Officer (DPO)?

A DPO ensures that an organisation has proper risk-mitigating systems of control over the personal data it processes. They also deal promptly and professionally with requests for information, and act as the single point of contact for the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and data subjects.

Why do you need a DPO?

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) exists to enforce strict rules for handling data, obtaining consent, and notifying the authorities of data breaches.

Under the GDPR, specific criteria demands that you must appoint a DPO if:

- You are a public authority or body (some exceptions)
- Your core activities require large scale, regular and systematic monitoring of individuals
- Your core activities consist of large scale processing of special categories of data or data relating to criminal convictions and offences

Even if you are not required to appoint a DPO, you must still comply with the other obligations of the GDPR. Your organisation should appoint a DPO to ensure that you have sufficient staff, skills and security measures in place.

What is Exponential-e's vDPO?

Many enterprises are looking to improve their security, but the level of skill and knowledge demanded means that most require added expertise. Exponential-e's Virtual DPO (vDPO) service provides cost-effective access to the senior security expertise your organisation needs.

Our vDPO will take responsibility for continuous compliance and best practice in your organisation's management of data protection issues, even as new legal and regulatory developments impact your business operations.

What services does vDPO include?

- Formulating a data privacy and security policy
- Consulting to achieve and maintain compliance
- Maintaining a record of processing operations
- Advising the data controller on Data Privacy Impact Assessments (DPIAs)
- Incident response planning and coordination
- Acting as single point of contact for the client, ICO, and data subjects to facilitate access to documents and information



HOW OUR vDPO WORKS

Your customers and end-users trust you with their personally identifiable information (PII), which is why processing data is now strictly controlled. We enable you to implement effective security systems to adhere to regulatory and legal compliance requirements and industry-specific standards, and to avoid the huge costs of data leaks and security breaches.

Exponential-e's Virtual DPO oversees your data protection strategy using leading guidelines and codes of practice, with a proven framework for Governance, Risk and Compliance.

ACT

- Continual improvement strategy
- Update regulatory requirements
- Identify new gaps, threats and risks
- Empower business to understand Risk
- Broaden compliance mandate

CHECK

- Virtual DPO and CISO
- Enforcement of policy
- ISMS development
- Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity
- Review of policies and procedures
- Detection and reporting of violations



PLAN

- Data classification
- Risk assessment
- Asset register and hierarchy
- Governance structure, regime and policy framework
- Information security management system (ISMS)

DO

- Monitoring and management
- Processes, policies, controls, metrics and measurement systems
- Information security forums, reporting lines, responsibilities, success criteria
- Testing criteria and cycles
- Audit and certification timescales

BENEFITS

Using our vDPO in this way offers a number of benefits:

- **Time:** Interim consultants can be in place within days, which is essential when your organisation needs skilled resources at short notice in order to avoid periods where key roles remain unfilled.
- **Experience:** Our consultants can quickly understand the business needs for immediate impact, being productive from the outset. Our consultants are highly experienced and typically have a broad base of knowledge from strategy to project delivery.
- **Independence:** Exponential-e is independent of outsourcing firms and Systems Integrators, with no agenda other than the customer's agenda. Our consultants can be trusted to impartially manage a mixed supplier base.
- **Strategy:** We enable your business to operate effectively without disruptions while strengthening Cyber Security to minimise risks and meet specific requirements for regulations and standards compliance.

ABOUT EXPONENTIAL-E

Innovation is at the core of Exponential-e, and has been since our inception in 2002. We wholly own our super-fast Network, and our fusion of complementary technologies - a carrier-class Network and Cloud infrastructure - means we can deliver enterprise applications at wire speed for a superior end-user experience.

We deliver scalable, dynamic and bespoke solutions. Our responsiveness, coupled with our customer centric approach, and a UK based 24 / 7 x 365 service desk, means we offer unrivalled expertise. To find out more about Exponential-e visit www.exponential-e.com/cyber-security or email info@exponential-e.com

