

Information governance

Issues of information governance are more prevalent than ever, and NHS organisations must have in place robust systems to ensure compliance

We can help you ensure compliance with this technical and complex area of law. Our aim is to help you create and operate systems robust enough to prevent loss of information and ensure compliance with legislation including the Data Protection Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Why work with Hill Dickinson?

Advising clients across the public and private sectors, including many NHS trusts and other bodies, we pride ourselves on our practical, pragmatic approach to dealing with information governance. The support we give our clients is aimed at helping them deal with what are often complex, difficult and sensitive issues.

Tackling the issues

Recent matters that we have advised on include:

- Advising an NHS trust on its Freedom of Information publication scheme, and training staff on its implementation
- Assisting trusts with responding to requests for information under the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts
- Providing training on Data Protection law and compliance for a national mental health charity
- Making a voluntary notification of breach to the Information Commissioner on behalf of a high profile client



Case study

Hill Dickinson worked with an NHS foundation trust in the drafting and implementation of its revised Freedom of Information publication scheme. This involved advising on the classes of information that needed to be included, and the practicalities of the procedures that would be required to ensure that the included information was kept up to date.

Liaising closely with senior staff at the trust, we then arranged and presented training to the relevant gatekeepers within the organisation who would be directly responsible for ensuring that the classes of information were monitored and updated, focussing on the legal and practical issues.

This enabled the trust to ensure that its publication scheme was implemented in accordance with the Information Commissioner's timescales and that all staff were fully trained in advance.

*Sources praise [Hill Dickinson's]:
"extremely detailed health service
knowledge and commitment to
strengthening client relationships."*

Extract from Chambers & Partners UK 2009

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Hill Dickinson is a major force in healthcare and public sector law, and is well respected in the company and commercial arena. The firm has a highly reputable commercial litigation practice and its marine expertise is internationally renowned. Hill Dickinson is also widely regarded as a leader in the fields of insurance, intellectual property and wealth management.

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