

2037 Data Subject Access and Erasure Requests Procedure

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1. Purpose

This procedure ensures that Derbyshire Mortgage Services complies with:

- The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
- The Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018)
- ICO guidelines on handling Subject Access Requests (SARs) and Erasure Requests

It outlines how we process requests from individuals seeking to access or erase their personal data.

2. Scope

This procedure applies to:

- All employees, contractors, and third parties handling personal data on behalf of Derbyshire Mortgage Services.
- Requests from **data subjects** (clients, prospects, employees, etc.) regarding their personal data.

3. Subject Access Requests (SARs)

3.1 What is a SAR?

A Subject Access Request (SAR) is a right under UK GDPR (Article 15) allowing individuals to:

- Obtain confirmation that their data is being processed.
- Access a copy of their personal data.
- Receive supplementary information (e.g., purposes of processing, retention periods).

3.2 How SARs Can Be Made

Requests can be submitted:

- **Verbally** (in person or by phone)
- In writing (email, letter, online form)
- Via a **third party** (if authorised, e.g., solicitor)

Note: We will not require a formal request format but must verify the requester's identity.





3.3 Responding to SARs

Step	Action	Responsibility	Timeframe
1	Acknowledge receipt (if not immediately fulfilled)	Data Protection Officer (DPO) or designated staff	Within 3 working days
2	Verify identity (if uncertain)	DPO/Staff	As soon as possible
3	Gather data (search all relevant systems)	Relevant departments	Within 25 calendar days (UK GDPR deadline)
4	Review for exemptions (e.g., third-party data)	DPO	Before disclosure
5	Provide response (in a secure format)	DPO	Within 1 month of request

Note: Extensions may apply for complex requests (up to 2 extra months, but requester must be informed).

4. Right to Erasure ('Right to Be Forgotten')

4.1 When Erasure Applies (UK GDPR Article 17)

Individuals can request erasure if:

- Data is **no longer necessary** for the original purpose.
- They withdraw consent (and no other legal basis applies).
- Data was unlawfully processed.
- Erasure is required for legal compliance.

Exemptions: We may refuse if processing is necessary for:

- **Legal claims** or regulatory obligations (e.g., FCA mortgage records).
- Public interest or archiving purposes.











4.2 Handling Erasure Requests

Step	Action	Responsibility	Timeframe
1	Acknowledge receipt	DPO/Staff	Within 3 working days
2	Verify identity & assess validity	DPO	Within 5 working days
3	Confirm if erasure applies (or if exemption exists)	DPO	Before action
4	Delete/anonymise data (or explain refusal)	IT/Relevant teams	Within 1 month
5	Notify third parties (if data was shared)	DPO	Where feasible

5. Record-Keeping

- All requests and responses must be **logged** for compliance.
- Records retained for **2 years** (or as per regulatory requirements).

6. Training & Awareness

- Staff handling SARs/erasure requests must receive **regular GDPR training**.
- The **DPO** (or designated person) oversees compliance.

7. Complaints

If a data subject is dissatisfied with our response, they may:

- Request an internal review.
- Complain to the ICO (<u>www.ico.org.uk</u>).











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