



## Paula Williamson

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Paula is a solicitor specialising in Information Law; she qualified in 1997.

She advises clients from the private, public and voluntary sector on all aspects of data protection and freedom of information legislation within a range of contexts including for example, responding to breach incidents, representing clients facing enforcement action, commercial agreements, outsourcing of processing, marketing and websites, biometrics, data protection audits and assisting data controllers process statutory requests for information.

Paula has extensive experience of advising, training and auditing academies and schools (independent and maintained) on compliance with their legal obligations under the information law regulatory regime. Some of the training she provides to education clients has been developed in consultation with the regulator, the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). Paula also has experience advising the construction industry on protecting commercial information from disclosure via the FOI/EIR regime; the insurance sector on tackling subject access requests and local authorities and ALMO's on difficult / vexatious/ repeated requests. Paula also has specific experience in advising Social Care practitioners on data protection and information sharing and has developed specific and highly practical training for social workers in this area.

After qualifying as a solicitor in 1997, Paula was a regulatory public prosecutor, prosecuting mainly corporate defendants for various regulatory offences such as trade descriptions offences. She can draw upon this valuable experience to assist clients facing intervention or enforcement action by the ICO and has had experience in successfully defending a proposed substantial Monetary Penalty Notice.

An examiner in Information Law, Paula sits on the British Computing Society's/ISEB Data Protection and Freedom of Information Panels; these qualifications are generally regarded as industry standard for information law practitioners in every sector.