Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under sections 30(5) and 182(7) of the Data Protection Act 2018, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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DATA PROTECTION

The Data Protection Act 2018 (Competent Authorities) Regulations 2026

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2)

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 30(3)(a) of the Data Protection Act 2018(**a**).

In accordance with sections 30(5) and 182(7) of that Act(**b**), a draft of these Regulations has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Data Protection Act 2018 (Competent Authorities) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the twenty-first day after the day on which they are made.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Competent authority

2. In Schedule 7 to the Data Protection Act 2018(**c**) (competent authorities(**d**)), after paragraph 20 insert—

"20A The College of Policing.".

(**a**) 2018 c. 12.
(**b**) Section 182(7) was amended by the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (c. 18), Schedule 9 (Part 1), paragraph 22(4).
(**c**) Schedule 7 was amended by the Armed Forces Act 2021 (c. 35), Schedule 4, paragraph 9 and Schedule 5, paragraph 49; and the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Act 2025 (c. 31), section 11.
(**d**) "Competent authority" is defined in section 30 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Minister of State
Home Office

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations add the College of Policing to the list of competent authorities in Schedule 7 to the Data Protection Act 2018 (c. 12) ("the 2018 Act").

This brings the processing of personal data by the College of Policing within scope of Part 3 (law enforcement processing) of the 2018 Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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