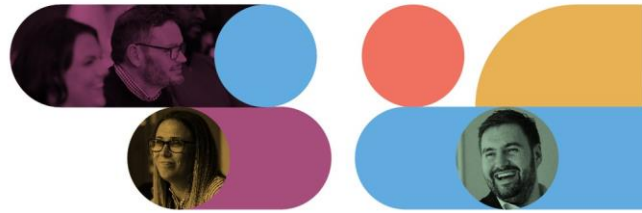


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# INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY

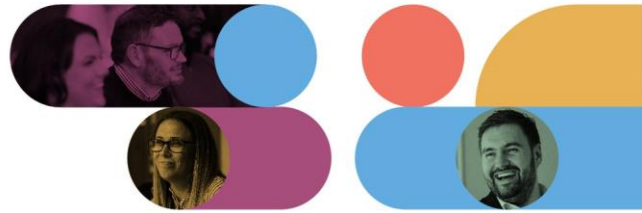


## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Company is committed to the highest standards of information security and treats confidentiality and data security extremely seriously.
- 1.2 This purpose of this policy is to:
- (a) protect against potential breaches of confidentiality;
  - (b) ensure all our information assets and IT facilities are protected against damage, loss or misuse;
  - (c) support our Data Protection Policy in ensuring all staff are aware of and comply with UK law and our own procedures applying to the processing of data; and
  - (d) increase awareness and understanding in the Company of the requirements of information security and the responsibility of staff to protect the confidentiality and integrity of the information that they themselves handle.
- 1.3 Bill Tsang, Financial Controller, is responsible for the monitoring and implementation of this policy. If you have any questions about the content of this policy or other comments you should contact the Information Security (IS) Team on [information.security@paretofm.com](mailto:information.security@paretofm.com).

## 2. SCOPE

- 2.1 The information covered by the policy includes all written, spoken and electronic information held, used or transmitted by or on behalf of the Company, in whatever media.



This includes information held on computer systems, hand-held devices, phones, paper records, and information transmitted orally.

2.2 This policy applies to all staff, which for these purposes includes employees, temporary and agency workers, other contractors, interns and volunteers.

2.3 All staff must be familiar with this policy and comply with its terms.

2.4 This policy supplements the Company's other policies relating to DATA PROTECTION AND RETENTION, INTERNET, EMAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS.

2.5 This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment and the Company may supplement or amend this policy by additional policies and guidelines from time to time. Any new or modified policy will be circulated to staff before being adopted.

### 3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

3.1 All Company information must be treated as commercially valuable and be protected from loss, theft, misuse or inappropriate access or disclosure.

3.2 Personal data shall be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

3.3 Staff should discuss with line managers the appropriate security arrangements which are appropriate and in place for the type of information they access in the course of their work.

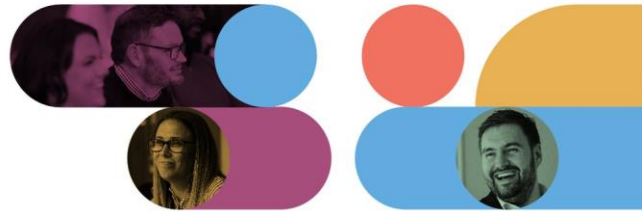
3.4 Staff should ensure they attend any information security training they are invited to unless otherwise agreed by line managers.

3.5 Company information must only be used in connection with work being carried out for the Company and not for other commercial or personal purposes.

### 4. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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4.1 Information gathered should not be excessive and should be adequate, relevant, accurate and up to date for the purposes for which it is to be used by the Company.

4.2 Information will be kept for no longer than is necessary in accordance with the Company's data retention guidelines. All confidential material that requires disposal must be shredded or, in the case of electronic material, securely destroyed, as soon as the need for its retention has passed.

## 5. PERSONAL DATA

5.1 You are referred to the Data Protection Policy for more information about the types of personal data we will process, the legal basis for this processing, and the relevant retention periods.

5.2 The majority of personal data we hold about employees will be stored on DropBox and an electronic database known as 'People HR'. DropBox and People HR promise to maintain a high level of security, and to ensure timely breach reporting to meet all GDPR expectations. Further information regarding security of DropBox and PeopleHR can be found here:

Dropbox and GDPR - <https://www.dropbox.com/security/GDPR>

People HR and GDPR - <https://www.peoplehr.com/gdpr.html>

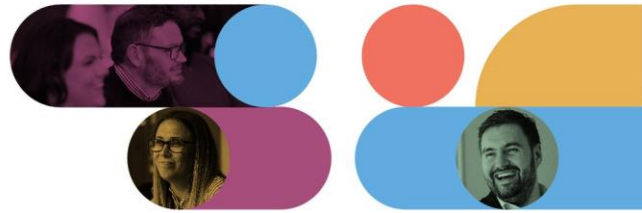
5.3 The data contained on People HR will at all times be kept under review the HR Department to ensure that it is accurate and up to date and can only be added to, amended or deleted by the HR Department.

5.4 Staff may ask to see their personnel files in accordance with the relevant provisions of Data Protection legislation in force at the relevant time.

## 6. ACCESS TO OFFICES AND INFORMATION

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6.1 Office doors must be kept secure at all times and visitors must not be given keys or access codes.

6.2 Documents containing confidential information and equipment displaying confidential information should be positioned in a way to avoid them being viewed by people passing by, e.g. through office windows.

6.3 Visitors should be required to sign in at reception, accompanied at all times and never be left alone in areas where they could have access to confidential information.

6.4 Wherever possible, visitors should be seen in meeting rooms. If it is necessary for a member of staff to meet with visitors in an office or other room which contains Company information, then steps should be taken to ensure that no confidential information is visible.

6.5 At the end of each day, or when desks are unoccupied, all paper documents, backup systems and devices containing confidential information must be securely locked away.

## 7. COMPUTERS AND IT

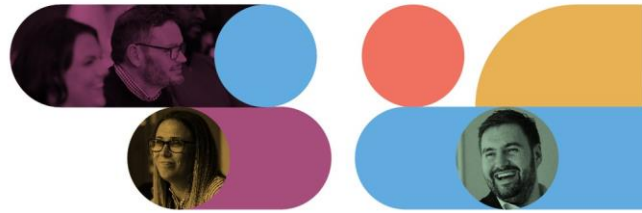
7.1 We partner with industry-leading security vendors to leverage their expertise and global threat intelligence to protect our systems. We utilise various elements including Transport Layer Security (TLS) for data transfer, creating a secure tunnel protected by 128-bit or higher Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption and files uploaded by users are encrypted at rest using 256-bit AES. We operate Multi-factor Authentication where appropriate.

7.2 Further information about the software we use to store personal data and Company Information, and about the security measures in place with each provider, can be obtained from the IS Team. In addition to measures taken by the Company, individuals are required to:-

- (a) Use password protection and encryption where available on Company systems to maintain confidentiality.
- (b) Computers and other electronic devices must be password protected and those passwords must be changed on a regular basis. Passwords should not be written down or given to others.
- (c) Computers and other electronic devices should be locked when not in use to minimise the risk of accidental loss or disclosure.

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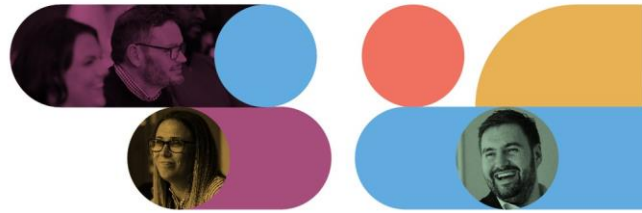
- (d) Confidential information must not be copied onto floppy disk, removable hard drive, CD or DVD or memory stick/ thumb drive without the express permission of the IS Team, and even then it must be encrypted. Data copied onto any of these devices should be deleted as soon as possible and stored on the Company's computer network in order for it to be backed up.
- (e) All electronic data must be securely backed up at the end of each working day.
- (f) Staff should ensure they do not introduce viruses or malicious code on to Company systems. Software should not be installed or downloaded from the internet without it first being virus checked. Staff should contact the IS Team – [information.security@paretofm.com](mailto:information.security@paretofm.com) for guidance on appropriate steps to be taken to ensure compliance.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSFER

- 8.1 Staff should be careful about maintaining confidentiality when speaking in public places.
- 8.2 Confidential information should be marked 'confidential' and circulated only to those who need to know the information in the course of their work for the Company.
- 8.3 Confidential information must not be removed from the Company's offices without permission from a Director of the Company except where that removal is temporary and necessary.
- 8.4 In the limited circumstances when confidential information is permitted to be removed from the Company's offices, all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that the integrity of the information and confidentiality are maintained. Staff must ensure that confidential information is:
  - (a) not transported in see-through or other un-secured bags or cases;
  - (b) not read in public places (eg waiting rooms, cafes, trains); and
  - (c) not left unattended or in any place where it is at risk (eg in conference rooms, car boots, cafes).
- 8.5 Postal, document exchange (DX), fax and email addresses and numbers should be checked and verified before information is sent to them. Particular care should be taken with email addresses where auto-complete features may have inserted incorrect addresses.
- 8.6 All sensitive or particularly confidential information should be encrypted before being sent by email, or be sent by tracked DX or recorded delivery.

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8.7 Sensitive or particularly confidential information should not be sent by fax unless you can be sure that it will not be inappropriately intercepted at the recipient fax machine.

## 9. HOME WORKING

9.1 Staff should not take confidential or other information home without the permission of the/a Company Director and only do so where satisfied appropriate technical and practical measures are in place within the home to maintain the continued security and confidentiality of that information.

9.2 In the limited circumstances in which staff are permitted to take Company information home, staff must ensure that:

- (A) confidential information must be kept in a secure and locked environment where it cannot be accessed by family members or visitors; and
- (B) all confidential material that requires disposal must be shredded or, in the case of electronic material, securely destroyed, as soon as any need for its retention has passed.

9.3 Staff should not store confidential information on home computers (PCs, laptops or).

## 10. TRANSFER TO THIRD PARTIES

10.1 Third parties should only be used to process Company information in circumstances where written agreements are in place ensuring that those service providers offer appropriate confidentiality, information security and data protection undertakings.

10.2 Staff involved in setting up new arrangements with third parties or altering existing arrangements should consult a Company Director, for more information.

## 11. OVERSEAS TRANSFER

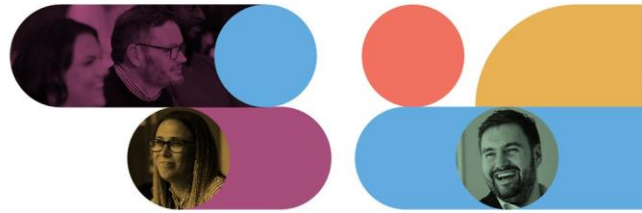
11.1 There are restrictions on international transfers of personal data. Staff must not transfer personal data outside the EEA (which includes the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) without first consulting the HR Department.

## 12. REPORTING BREACHES

12.1 All staff have an obligation to report actual or potential data protection compliance failures to Alishya Artwell, Chief People Officer –[Alishya.artwell@paretofm.com](mailto:Alishya.artwell@paretofm.com) This allows the Company to:

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- (a) investigate the failure and take remedial steps if necessary; and
- (b) make any applicable notifications.

### 13. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO COMPLY

- 13.1 The Company takes compliance with this policy very seriously. Failure to comply puts both staff and the Company at risk. The importance of this policy means that failure to comply with any requirement may lead to disciplinary action, which may result in dismissal.
- 13.2 Staff with any questions or concerns about anything in this policy should not hesitate to contact Alishya Artwell, Chief People Officer – [Alishya.artwell@paretofm.com](mailto:Alishya.artwell@paretofm.com)  
Please confirm that you have read and understood this policy by emailing Alishya Artwell, Chief People Officer at [Alishya.artwell@paretofm.com](mailto:Alishya.artwell@paretofm.com)