



## MAY 2019 UPDATE

# UK: Relevant legislation

Supplementary advice to be read in conjunction with *CPNI UK: Relevant Legislation* by Dentons, March 2018

In March 2018, Dentons UK and Middle East LLP (Dentons) prepared a document for CPNI identifying some of the key pieces of legislation which are applicable to employee IT monitoring in the UK.

Since the introduction of GDPR on 25 May 2018, industry partners have queried whether the new legislation conflicts with the previously issued guidance.

CPNI can confirm that the guidance within *CPNI: UK Relevant Legislation* remains relevant. However, the document provides guidance only, and readers should continue to refer to internal or external legal advice for queries or concerns.

We would also point out that the Lawful Business Practice Regulations 2000 are no longer in force and have been replaced by the Investigatory Powers (Interception by Businesses etc. for Monitoring and Record-Keeping Purposes) Regulations 2018, which come under the Investigatory Powers Act 2016. Please refer to the original document for information on this legislation.

The ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) website gives general guidance form employers on employee monitoring. At the time of writing, the website had not been updated in line with GDPR legislation, although a note on the guidance advises it is in the process of being updated.



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