The Data Protection Act and You.

You may be aware that in order to comply with the data protection regulations concerning the storing of clients personal information you must register your details with the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office)

Q: Does the Data Protection Act apply to me?

This might seem an obvious question. However, the Act applies to a particular activity – processing personal data – rather than to particular people or organisations. So, if you “process personal data”, then you must comply with the Act and, in particular, you must handle the personal data in accordance with the data protection principles. Broadly, however, if you collect or hold information about an identifiable living individual, or if you use, disclose, retain or destroy that information, you are likely to be processing personal data. The scope of the Data Protection Act is therefore very wide as it applies to just about everything you might do with individuals’ personal details.

Whilst this requirement is compulsory for all self employed Will Consultants, most Financial Advisors may be covered by their regulatory body, but we suggest that you check that this cover is in place. Incidentally if a Financial Advisors uses a lap top computer and holds clients personal details at home then you may need your own separate cover.

The cost to register is £35.00

Complete the notification form on line at -


You are required to register your details on an annual basis and the ICO will notify you when you need to renew your details.

Thank you