

## Do I really need to know this?

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#### **Social care specialists**

- Challenging CQC inspections and enforcement
- Negotiations and disputes with local authorities
- Recovery of care fees
- Safeguarding
- Mental capacity and Court of Protection
- Employment law
- Business sales and acquisitions
- Commercial property, leases and tenancies



#### **Summary**

- Data protection changes
- Gender Pay Gap reporting
- New statutory rates
- Some ET related news



#### **Data Protection is changing...**

- General Data Protection Regulations 2016:
  - Consent to processing
  - Right to be forgotten
  - Data subject access requests
  - Strict breach notification rules
  - Penalties



#### Things to think about

- Is that information we hold about staff (and service users) accurate?
- Do we have a written process for checking and amending data?
- Do we have a written process for destroying data?
- Is it necessary to hold the personal data currently in our possession?
- Is information held securely?
- Do we have written risk assessments re data security?
- Have staff had data protection training?



#### **Gender Pay Gap reporting**

- What is it?
- What information needs to be published?
- Where does it have to be published?
- Why does it matter?



#### **New statutory rates**

- Wage rates from 1 April 2017:
  - -25+(NLW) = £7.50
  - -21 24 = £7.05
  - -18 20 = £5.60
  - -16-17=£4.05
  - Apprentices = £3.50
  - Accommodation offset = £6.40 a day
- From 2 April maternity, paternity, adoption pay = £140.98 p/w
- From 6 April SSP rising to £89.35 p/w



#### And finally...

- Tribunal fees will they disappear?
- New MoJ website of Tribunal decisions
- Number of sick days going down?!?





#### **Absolute Employment Protection Service**

- Unlimited telephone helpline
- Reviewing and drafting letters to staff
- Insurance to cover the risk of Tribunal claims
- Why use us?
  - Practical and commercial advice
  - Qualified and experienced solicitors
  - Social care specialists
- Cover even if less than a 51% chance of successfully defending a claim
- Free review/update of employment contracts and policies





# QUESTIONS



### Thank you for listening

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