Data Security and Protection Lead

In 2017, the Department of Health and Social Care put in place a policy that all health and social care providers must follow the 10 Data Security Standards. These were developed by the National Data Guardian
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-data-guardian

The standards are organised under 3 leadership obligations.

The 10 Data Security Standards

People	Process	Technology
Ensure staff are equipped to handle information respectfully and safely, according to the Caldicott Principles	Ensure the organisation proactively prevents data security breaches and responds appropriately to incidents or near misses.	Ensure technology is secure and up to date.

In order to meet the National Data Guardian's 10 data security standards, social care organisations are strongly encouraged to have someone who is responsible for data security and protection, and who will champion the principles of good data protection. This person is called a Data Security and Protection Lead.

What is a Data Security and Protection Lead?

- This is the person who takes overall senior responsibility for your data security and protection work.
- This doesn't need to fall on the Registered Manager's shoulders but should be someone who has enough seniority in your organisation that they can fulfil their responsibilities.
- Elements of this role could be shared between more than one person. For example, in large organisations, there may be one senior person responsible for managing risks and another responsible for information governance.

- The core role of the Data Security and Protection Lead is to champion data security and protection good practice and ensure that it is implemented.
- It is important that the lead has good knowledge and skills in data security and protection and the recording below will cover the main skills a Data Security and Protection Lead would need.

If you are looking for additional training there is e-Learning for Healthcare's [Data Security Awareness](#) training.

Link to training.

https://www.digitalsocialcare.co.uk/digital-skills-and-training/data-security-and-protection-lead-training/