

From the Edinburgh & Midlothian Branch of Parkinson's UK

Important Notice to all on our mailing lists

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on 25 May 2018. It supersedes the Data Protection Act. When we collect your personal information, the charity is now required to tell you what we are doing with this data and how we are doing it. This includes data that we hold about people who attend our Branch meetings and activities but are not paid-up members of the charity: we refer to them as *attendees*.

What is a Privacy Notice?

The charity has prepared an overarching **Privacy Notice** explaining how we will handle people's data. This also covers personal data processed in the Branch. Parkinson's UK have produced consent templates for us to use, and a Privacy Notice template. Our Branch website gives access to our Privacy Notice and also has a link to the Parkinson's UK website, where you can find more details. If you would like a paper copy of our Privacy Notice, please let me know.

What do we mean by consent and re-consent?

Many of you will already have given your permission (consent) for the Branch to contact you with information. However, to ensure we are compliant with the new GDPR and Privacy Electronic Communication Regulations (PECR) Parkinson's UK needs your support in capturing your consent again. This is known as **re-consent**, to which end, Parkinson's UK is in the process of inviting **all existing charity members** to re-consent.

Branch attendees (not members) who are on our database will shortly receive a form to complete and return to the Branch.

It should not be necessary for anyone to complete a re-consent form more than once: either you will be in the category of existing member of the charity or that of attendee.

What about new attendees/members?

Activity organisers please note: We have also produced a Consent Form *which we ask you use to get appropriate consent from people when they first have contact with your group or activity from 25 May onwards. Blank consent forms may be downloaded from our website.* Completed forms should be stored securely and returned to the Membership Secretary.

Thanks for your forbearance with all of this but I remind you –“It's the law!!!” and the penalties for failing to conform are severe.

Ken Bowler, Membership Secretary

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