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1. It must be and used and inside the law.
2. It must only be and used for the reasons given to the Information Commissioner.
3. It can only be used for those registered purposes and only be to those people mentioned in the
register entry. You cannot give it away or it unless you said you would to begin with.
4. The information held must be adequate, and not excessive when compared with the purpose
stated in the register. So you must have enough detail but not too much for the job that you are doing with the
data.
5. It must be and be kept up to There is a duty to keep it up to date, for example
to an address when people move.
6. It must not be kept longer than is for the registered purpose. It is alright to keep information
for certain lengths of time but not This rule means that it would be wrong to keep information
about past customers than a few years at most.
7. The information must be kept and secure. This includes keeping the information backed up
and away from any access. It would be wrong to leave personal open to be
viewed by just anyone.
8. The files may be transferred outside of the European Economic Area (that's the EU plus some
small countries) unless the country that the data is being sent to has a suitable data
law. This part of the DPA has led to some countries passing similar to allow
computer

data centres to be located in their area.

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