

Chapter 4: Information security and Information sharing

This lecture provides an overview of a difficult legal area. As long as students grasp some of the complexity and understand that they have to follow their organization's information protocols and, in addition, treat confidential information with respect (no leaving laptops on buses!) you have achieved what is necessary.

The lecture is in two halves. The first half deals with information security and provides some information about GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. The second half looks at information sharing.

The lecture begins by raising some questions about the importance of information and keeping it secure, before setting out the outline of the lecture.

There are then six slides - 4 to 10 – which provide some of the headline information about GDPR. The sixth slide informs students about the Data Protection Act 2018.

The second half starts with an ethical statement, because this introduces all of the issues. Stress that decisions are complex, but must be made responsibly. You can talk about the Bichard inquiry and the Laming Report to demonstrate the importance of sharing information.

Slide 12 reminds students that there are Human Rights issues here. The case study in the chapter emphasizes this.

Slide 13 sets out the common law duty on confidentiality. Again it is clear that the law recognizes that whilst confidentiality is important, there are occasions when it can be breached..

Slide 13 - 14 illustrate the sort of balances that have to be made and the role of consent..

Slide 15 alerts students to the really helpful materials produced by the Government to help them with these issues.

Slides 16 sets out the key questions to ask before sharing information

Slide 17 raises some issues about Covid-19 and information sharing.

The final slide provides a summary and asks some key questions.

A more amusing way to deliver this would be to find a GDPR quiz which you give them after they have read the chapter. The BBC has one here....
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-44224802>