

Name: Information Governance Career progression framework August 2024



Job Title	Range¹	Development Route	Duties	Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship	Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship	Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship	
Information Governance	Apprentice Grade	Internal Apprenticeship	To learn and develop the skills to work with various teams in delivering	First year Salary: £236.80 per week	First year Salary: £236.80 per week	First year Salary: £236.80 per week	
Business Administration Apprentice		Programme	services to Medway Council residents. To develop a wide range of skills and experience in all aspects of housing	Apprenticeships are a mixture of 'on' and 'off' the job learning. Apprentices will earn whilst they learn and gain practical and transferable skills throughout their apprenticeship. You will work within an apprenticeship framework detailing the qualifications needed to be completed, the key skills targets and any other requirements of the apprenticeship. Each framework will also include information on job roles, entry routes, length of the apprenticeships and career paths available upon completion.			
Job Title	Range ¹	Development Route	Duties	Level A (Developing)	Level B (Practising)	Level C (Accomplished)	
Information Governance	Range 3	Excellent standard of	To support the overall development, management and delivery of the	Salary: £24,525	Salary: £26,897	Salary: £29,268	
Officer		education with	Council's Information Governance	Requirements at this level:	Requirements at this level in addition to	Requirements at this level in addition	
		an interest in the	Strategy and work programmes; to		level 3A:	to level 3A and 3B:	
		subject matter and relevant experience with external training via PDP Training, BCS or IAPP	oversee data processing practices, ensuring that they meet all statutory requirements, the provision of advice, guidance, and auditing ensuring compliance with the legislations and any requirements of the Information Commissioner, as the Supervisory Authority.	Qualifications • Law degree or equivalent in a related and relevant subject	 Qualifications Completion of Data Protection Essential Knowledge programme (or equivalent agreed with line manager) FOI practical training certification 	Qualifications • Working towards Data Protection Practitioner qualification (or equivalent agreed with line manager)	
				 Knowledge Awareness of Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information regulations A basic understanding of data protection and information laws to include UK GDPR law and Data Protection Act Awareness of Information Governance Policies Understand timescales for responding to FOI requests and Data Protection SARS 	 Knowledge Good understanding of the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations Good knowledge and understanding of other information governance legislation such as Data Protection Act 1998/2018 and the UK GDPR. Some applied knowledge of policies, with ability to interpret with some guidance Good knowledge of the SAR process including validation and verification requirements and basic 	 Knowledge Proficient knowledge of information governance standards and best practice Extensive knowledge and understanding of information governance legislation including but not limited to: Freedom of Information Act 2000, Environmental Information Regs. 2004, Data Protection Act 1998/2018, the UK GDPR 	

¹ Salaries accurate as of financial year 2024/25

				Awareness of the verification requirements for SAR	understanding of the supporting policy framework.	 Awareness of public sector obligations related to information governance. Can understand IG policies, and provide feedback to support development and implementation Applied knowledge of SAR and the supporting policy framework
				 Some experience of working within a local authority or similar setting such as NHS Providing a service to other teams Caseload management with some guided support Awareness of internal monitoring processes that support with subject access request data 	 Minimum of 12 months providing an Information Governance service within a local authority setting or similar setting such as NHS Able to manage a caseload with minimal supervision Support with delivery of training to colleagues of all levels Support with information gathering for performance related reports with some guidance Applied knowledge of requesting and reviewing internal monitoring data 	 2 years experience within a local authority Information Governance team or similar setting such as NHS Independently able to manage a caseload Able to deliver training on Information Governance to a variety of colleagues across Medway and Gravesham Can prepare reports on performance across the Council departments Can review and select appropriate information to include within a SAR response following internal monitoring requests
				Proficient in the use of Microsoft packages such as Word, Excel, Outlook and Teams Able to monitor a shared inbox with some guidance Able to communicate effectively and adapt to suit wide range of audience through email and phone.	Able to effectively monitor and manage a shared inbox with minimal guidance Can respond to straightforward queries with minimal supervision Awareness of breaches relating to the Data Protection Act, GDPR and other legislation and can support on investigations with guidance and support	Able to independently respond to queries without guidance and assign tasks to others within the team appropriately Can independently initiate investigations of complaints, incidents and data breaches Introduction to complex work under guidance of SIGO with ability to deputise their caseload
Senior Information	Range 5	Experience in role as either IG	The Senior Information Governance (SIG) Officer will report to the	Salary: £35,935	Salary: £38,775	Salary: £41,614
Governance Officer		Officer or SAR Officer, with on- the-job training	Information Governance Manager as part of a team responsible for ensuring that the Council is compliant	Requirements at this level:	Requirements at this level in addition to level 5A:	Requirements at this level in addition to level 5A and 5B:
		and external	with Information Laws; this includes	Qualifications	Qualifications	Qualifications

	training via DP Training, BCS or IAPP.	but is not limited to the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA), UK-GDPR, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR). The primary role of the post holder is to support the overall development, management and delivery of the Council's IG Strategy and work programmes; to oversee data processing practices, ensuring that they meet all statutory requirements, the provision of advice, guidance, and auditing ensuring compliance with the legislations and any requirements of the Information Commissioner, as the Supervisory Authority	Law degree or equivalent in a related and relevant subject Data Protection Practitioner qualification (or equivalent agreed with line manager) Knowledge Knowledge and understanding of public sector obligations in relation to Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR, Freedom of Information Act 2000, Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and other relevant legislation relating to information governance Awareness and understanding of internal audits related to compliance	 Practitioner Certificate in Freedom of Information (or equivalent qualification and demonstration of continued personal development) Knowledge Detailed knowledge and understanding of public sector obligations Detailed understanding of internal audit processes and can provide support and information 	 Practitioner Certificate in Records Management (or equivalent qualification and demonstration of continued professional development) Knowledge Extensive knowledge and confidence in implementing statutory requirements within a public authority setting Detailed knowledge and understanding of the DPO role and responsibilities Proficient with internal audit processes and knowledge of trends or patterns related to compliance gaps and errors
			A minimum of 3 years working within a local authority Information Governance function Can provide support and guidance to IG Officers Experience of managing a caseload of complex Information Governance matters Experience in creating Records of Processing Activities	 At least 12 months working as a SIGO Able to deputise for IG Manager with staffing matters Some management of IG assessments, strategies, roadmaps, organisational design and program design and implementation spanning the discipline of records management, privacy, information security and information technology Able to create and manage Records of Processing Activities 	2 years' experience as a SIGO Able to fully deputise as Data Protection Officer for both Councils in the absence of the Head of Information Governance (DPO) Can fully manage IG assessments, strategies, roadmaps, organisational design and program design and implementation spanning the discipline of records management, privacy, information security and information technology Confident ability with creation and management of Records of Processing Activities
			Extensive experience with the application of ICT software including bespoke internal systems Awareness of high-risk privacy and data impact assessments Can provide advice and	Can proactively support service areas with high-risk privacy and data impact assessments with minimal support Able to provide tailored advice and guidance with confidence to different asset owners	Confidently able to support the organisation with high risk privacy and data impact assessments, providing advice and guidance on minimising risk Can promote accountability for key data assets through

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	st	akeholders, with some	responsibilities, by providing
	su	apport for more complex	guidance to Information Asset
	sc	cenarios	Owners in fulfilling their roles
			and setting realistic goals and
			objectives

Job Title	Range ²	Development Route	Duties	Level A (Developing)	Level B (Practising)	Level C (Accomplished)	
Subject Access Request (SAR)	Range 4	Information Governance	Reporting to the Senior SAR Officer the post holder will support the	Salary: £29,793	Salary: £32,602	Salary: £35,410	
Officer		Officer, or other similar area of work, with	overall development, management and delivery of the Council's SAR programmes ensuring that they meet	Requirements at this level:	Requirements at this level in addition to level 4A:	Requirements at this level in addition to level 4A and 4B:	
		special interest and on job training in SAR. External training via PDP Training or BCS. Main training training via PDP Training or BCS. Constant of the second of th	programmes ensuring that they meet all statutory requirements. R. ning	all statutory requirements. SAR. aining	Law degree or equivalent in a related and relevant subject Knowledge Good understanding of Data Protection and Information	Completion of Data Protection Essential Knowledge (or equivalent agreed with line manager) Knowledge Developed knowledge and understanding of information governance legislation including but not limited to: Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR Fluent understanding of handling Data Subject Access Requests	Completed all relevant training in Data Sharing in the Public Sector (or equivalent agreed with line manager) Completed Subject Access Request handling training — internal and external (or equivalent agreed with line manager) Knowledge Advanced and applied understanding of all legislation related to data Detailed understanding of SAR statutory requirements
				Minimum of 18 months experience of working within an information governance function Some supported experience of basic exemptions	12 months experience within a local authority setting, within an Information Governance team or similar and relevant area Can demonstrate experience of basic exemptions applied to Individual Rights Some supported exposure to complex SAR requests Ability to effectively manage a caseload with minimal support	 Substantial experience, at least 2 years, of SAR within a local government setting Confidently and independently able to manage own caseload Can effectively respond to difficult situations or complex requests Support Senior SAR Office with project related tasks, keeping up to date with software and policy developments Some experience of deputising for the Senior SAR officer, including assisting with complaints. 	
				Proficient in the use of Microsoft packages such as	Able to independently identify and locate all relevant documentation	Can maintain and comply with the scheduling of reviews,	

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				Word, Excel, Outlook and Teams Can locate all relevant documentation using the Council's electronic systems with some guided support Can assess SAR to ensure the data subject has a legal right before proceeding. Able to undertake assigned reviews Can respond to basic queries using good communication skills	 Able to undertake reviews and updates with minimal supervision With support is able to review records prior to release and can identify sensitive cases Developed communication skills and able to provide response within clear parameters and timescale to ensure compliance 	updates and destruction of stored data Review all records prior to release, undertaking redactions where necessary and ensuring file releases comply with legislation Can liaise with internal departments on records release, ensuring sensitive cases are managed effectively Excellent communication and engagement skills as subject matter expert, able to provide advice, guidance, interpretation and adaptation of policies and procedures regarding Subject Access Requests, to ensure the Council adopts best practice
Senior Subject Access Request (SAR) Officer	Range 7	Internal progression with tailored on-the-job training and development and external training via PDP Training, BCS or IAPP	The Senior Subject Access Request (SAR) Officer will report to the Head of Information Governance as part of a team responsible for ensuring that the Council is compliant with Information Laws; this includes but is not limited to the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and UK-GDPR. The primary role is to have overall management of the development and delivery of the Council's SAR programmes; to oversee SAR practices, ensuring that they meet all statutory requirements, the provision of advice and guidance while ensuring compliance with the legislations and any requirements of the Information Commissioner, as the Supervisory Authority.	Requirements at this level: Qualifications Law degree or equivalent in a related and relevant subject Completion of Data Protection Essential Knowledge Training Programme Evidence of continuous professional development Knowledge Advanced understanding of Data Protection and Information laws Advanced knowledge of SAR requirements	Requirements at this level in addition to level 7A: Qualifications • Completion of Data Protection – Rights of Individuals Training Programme (or equivalent agreed with line manager) Knowledge • Can demonstrate extensive knowledge and understanding of information governance standards and best practice • Awareness of tribunal and court decisions related to SAR	Requirements at this level in addition to level 7A and 7B: Qualifications

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	exience Minimum of 4 years' experience working within a related information governance function Advanced experience of applying personal data redactions Substantial experience of managing complex SAR requests Experience of providing line management and providing coaching/training to others Some exposure to project management	 Experience Experience of handling complex social work cases including children and vulnerable adults Developed experience line managing a small team Able to provide data related to the performance of the team Undertaking of project management related to a digital review of the SAR process 	 Advanced experience of handling complex social work cases including children and vulnerable adults Fully able to support and develop a small team through the full lifecycle of their employment Able to deputise for the Information Governance Manager Can monitor the growth of SARs and work with colleagues to improve the efficiency of the service
Skills	Ensure the SAR procedure is followed accurately to provide response within clear parameters and timescale to ensure compliance Proactively able to provide advice and guidance on best practice and policy interpretation Can respond to and initiate investigations of complaints	Confidently able to provide advice and guidance on more complex issues, with some exposure to high profile and sensitive cases with some support. Feedback on internal procedures and highlight areas of potential improvements Contribute to the development of standards, processes and best practice materials	 Provide trusted advice to senior management about information requests which are sensitive or high profile and need some senior management sign off, ensuring that such cases are brought to the attention of relevant senior staff and others who may need to know When complaints are made, provide cooperation to the Information Governance team as well as CMT in providing necessary response to the ICO in its capacity as a regulator Contribute to the development and implementation of internal request handling procedures for the effective, consistent and compliant handling of information requests Lead on the development of standards, processes and best practice materials relevant to Individual Rights for Data and Information Governance and advising on how to apply these into individual service areas in a sustainable manner