Solution spotlight

External data protection guardians

Kingdom of Bahrain

Bahrain's personal data protection law (the PDPL) defines the role of data protection guardians (DPGs) who support data controllers when protecting data. Authorised by Bahrain's Personal Data Protection Authority (PDPA), Keypoint's unique DPG as a service (DPGaaS) solution gives organisations access to an independent, ongoing privacy governance function without having to build the full capability internally.

How can DPGs help data controllers meet their data protection duties?

- Liaise with Bahrain's PDPA
- Monitor processing activities to identify data risks and potential non-compliance
- Support corrective actions (and regulatory escalation where required)
- Maintain processing registers and support PDPA updates
- Act independently and impartially

How does Keypoint's DPGaaS support organisations?

Onboarding

Privacy health-checks, scope definition and DPG operating models

Governance

Privacy calendars, policies, responsibilities and management reporting

Records

RoPA/processing register maintenance, data mapping and evidence management

Risk

DPIAs, privacy-by-design reviews and risk/action tracking

Rights

Support for data subject requests and related workflows

Incidents

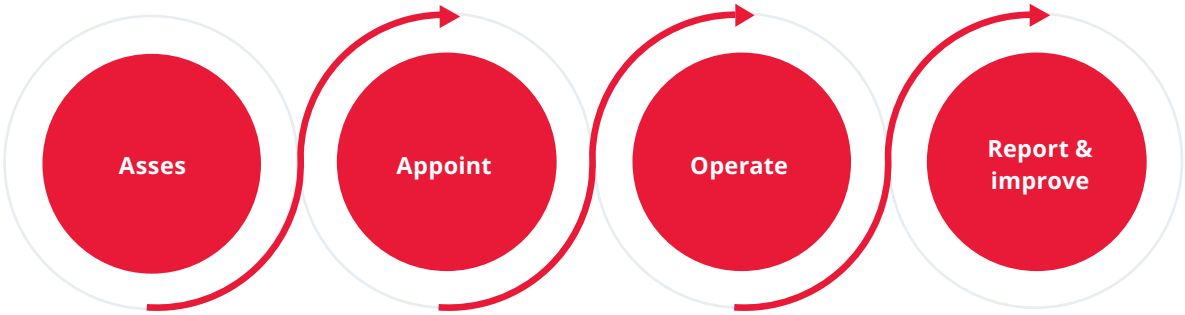
Breach assessments, responses and regulatory processes

Regulatory

PDPA liaison and support with applicable notifications/ authorisations

Awareness

Role-based training and ongoing privacy workshops



Understand current privacy environments, risks, gaps and priorities

Support required EDPGaaS appointment/ notification steps

Maintain privacy governance cycles, regulatory interactions and day-to-day DPG activities

Provide management visibility, track actions and adapt privacy programmes as processing and regulatory expectations evolve

Why outsource your DPG function?

- Access specialist privacy expertise and independent oversight
- Create continuity
- Add capacity without building a full in-house privacy function
- Connect regulatory, governance, information security and operational considerations

Note: Under the PDPL, appointing an external DPG does not transfer the data controller's responsibilities. Our DPGaaS solution helps key decision makers understand, monitor and manage those responsibilities.

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