

# Academy Update

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Welcome to the March edition of *Academy Update*, including recent news about MAT governance, EdTech and GDPR. We also invite you to contribute mini articles giving advice on good practice and problem solving that you are willing to share. You will, of course, be able to view a draft prior to publication. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Anna Sterlini, Editor

## Education in the news

### Governors' leader: throw open control of MATs

Emma Knights, CEO of the National Governance Association, says that control of multi-academy trusts should be widened to include parents and the broader community rather than resting solely in the hands of a few individuals, in order to give trusts more legitimacy and accountability.

### Legal duties of academy trustees

Leora Cruddas, CEO of FASNA, argues that trustees of MATs need the appropriate knowledge and skills to carry out their legal duties, as each trust is its own legal entity, responsible directly to parliament.

### Multi-academy trusts drive EdTech innovation

Increasing numbers of MATs are investing in technology solutions such as management information systems, working in partnership with suppliers to ensure proper software procurement for their schools.

### Guide to GDPR compliance

Tes offers guidance on how to become compliant with the new GDPR. This includes raising awareness amongst school staff and ensuring that they have appropriate training, completing a data audit, appointing a data protection officer and preparing for data breaches and subject access requests.

## Call for submissions

Please consider contributing to coming issues of *Academy Update*. We are keen to receive brief pieces offering advice, guidance and information on topics pertinent to those running MATs.

You might be able help with topics such as trustee recruitment, improving procurement of utilities, or dealing with the media.

› Please send your submissions to [Anna Sterlini](mailto:Anna.Sterlini@pearson.co.uk).

## Coming soon...

### CPD: GDPR

Our new course on GDPR will provide essential training for data protection officers and senior leadership teams to ensure compliance with the new regulations which come into force on 25 May 2018.



It will include guidance on creating an Information Asset Register, reviewing privacy notices and requests for consent, and dealing with data breaches and subject access requests.

## Contact us

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