In June/July 2010, Sophos UK&I conducted a data protection survey to find out what people working in small to large businesses and organisations thought of national data protection legislation. The survey received almost 1200 responses.

**Do you think national data protection legislation is robust enough?**

- No, it is too relaxed and needs to be revised (49%)
- Yes, it’s about right (24%)
- It’s too restrictive (6%)
- I don’t know (21%)

**Do you think organisations should be forced to disclose data breaches?**

- Yes (87%)
- No (13%)
Are you concerned that your organisation may not comply with data protection legislation?

- No, I am confident we are fully compliant (37%)
- No, I’m not sure if we do comply, but I’m not worried about the ramifications (15%)
- Yes, I am concerned (34%)
- I don’t know (14%)

In general, do you feel data protection legislation prevents you from running your organisation effectively?

- Yes, the cost implications of becoming compliant are an issue (5%)
- Yes, it means additional complexity for an already overburdened IT department (11%)
- Yes, both cost and complexity are an issue (25%)
- No, we have effective solutions in place to protect our corporate data (38%)
- I don’t know (21%)
How aware are your users about the importance of data protection?

- Very aware (20%)
- Mostly aware (41%)
- Mostly unaware (34%)
- I don’t know (5%)

What size is your organisation?

- 99 users or less (43%)
- 100 to 499 users (17%)
- 500 to 999 users (7%)
- 1000 to 4999 users (15%)
- Over 5000 users (18%)