Detailed Compliance Concern Statement

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Concern Title: Potential Breach of Data Privacy Policy

Background

On June 5, 2024, the Compliance Department received a report indicating that confidential client information may have been inadvertently shared with an external party. The information includes client names, account numbers, and transaction details.

Detailed Description of the Concern

An internal email audit revealed that on May 31, 2024, an employee forwarded an email containing an attached client spreadsheet to a vendor without encrypting the file. The vendor is not authorized to access this level of client data under our companyâ€™s Data Privacy Policy (Section 4.1).

The incident appears unintentional. However, it represents a deviation from established procedures and could potentially put client information at risk.

Policies or Regulations Involved

- Company Data Privacy Policy, Section 4.1
- Confidentiality Agreement (Staff Handbook, Ch. 2)
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Article 5

Potential Impact

- Client trust and company reputation may be compromised.
- Possible regulatory penalties for breach of data protection obligations.
- Need for reassessment of internal data handling protocols.

Actions Taken / Recommended Next Steps

- Notified the IT Team to initiate an audit of all email correspondence with the vendor.
- Recommended immediate notification to affected clients.
- Suggest scheduling staff training on updated data privacy procedures.

Important Notes

- This document should be factual, objective, and free from personal opinions.
- Ensure all sensitive details are handled confidentially and shared only with authorized personnel.
- Support statements with relevant evidence and reference policies or regulations where applicable.
- Timely submission helps in swift investigation and corrective actions.