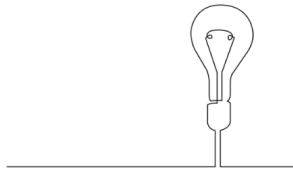




Your latest monthly update from The Office of the Data Protection Authority.

Highlights...

NEWS



[International partnership brings benefits to Bailiwick](#)

Commissioner Brent Homan and Deputy Commissioner Rachel Masterton represented Guernsey at the world's largest gathering of data protection professionals in Washington DC.

BLOG: Addressing global privacy challenges with a global response



[Working with other jurisdictions to keep the Bailiwick safe](#)

Commissioner Homan discusses how the ODPa can best meet the increasing demand on our services with limited resources. "Put simply, international collaboration expands capacity to take action and amplifies the impacts of those actions."

This month's update from our Commissioner, Brent Homan

I soon realized after joining our island community that the Bailiwick of Guernsey is a small jurisdiction with mighty ambitions. Our geographical location is no barrier to realizing big dreams. From Sir Isaac Brock to Lioness Maya Le Tissier, citizens have historically carved out reputations well beyond our borders and continue to do so across all levels of society from sport to science, from innovation to entrepreneurship.

As Data Protection Commissioner, I have a duty to ensure that islanders' data rights are respected and upheld under local data protection legislation.

And one of the principal regulatory pillars that help us deliver on that mandate is partnership which involves leveraging domestic and international collaboration to expand our capacity to take action and amplify the impacts of those actions. On the international front, this means that the Bailiwick can make a global impact in protecting privacy rights by joining forces and speaking in a unified voice alongside international partners.

At the start of April, I was invited to speak at the world's largest gathering of data professionals in Washington DC ([IAPP Global Privacy Summit 2024](#)) on the global risk of data-scraping. It also proved an invaluable opportunity to share the ODPa's work and perspectives in privacy and data protection including the protection of children and leveraging the Bailiwick's recently confirmed EU adequacy status.

With regard to international cooperation, Guernsey is one of 14 regulators across the globe to [have endorsed a joint statement on data scraping and data protection](#). It sets out expectations for how social media companies should protect the information people post on their platforms. This joint action demonstrates how the Bailiwick can make a global impact in protecting privacy rights.

Another priority initiative we are passionate about here at the ODPa is the development of a comprehensive [Children's Framework](#) to support the responsible use of children's information. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the consultation process. Your views will help shape the structure of the framework and encourage a comprehensive and inclusive approach to such processing in the Bailiwick.

The societal need for the Children's Framework was brought into sharp focus by a [recent report by UK communications regulator Ofcom](#) which found that nearly a quarter of UK five-to-seven-year-olds now have their own smartphone. The communications regulator has warned that parental enforcement of rules "appeared to be diminishing." Meanwhile only a third of parents know the correct minimum age requirement for most social media platforms.

This requires a multi-pronged approach, not only ensuring that parents are equipped to have the conversations and exercise of parental control for which they are responsible, but the social media platforms themselves should take steps to elevate their age verification safeguards.

Finally, I was truly taken aback by how much islanders universally connected with the plight of the jobseeker mentioned in a recent [public statement](#) we released. In this case, the jobseeker's offer of employment was rescinded after a reference had been provided to the Policy & Resources Committee. The individual sought a copy of the reference from P&R, who initially refused the request on the basis that it contained information about other people.

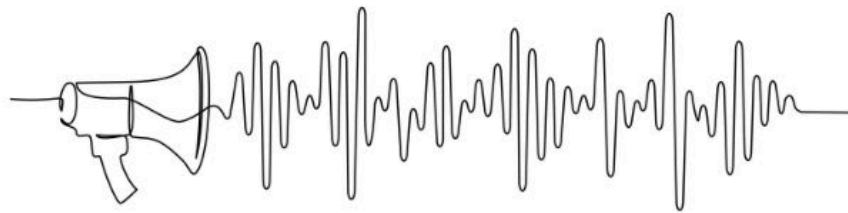
After the ODPa issued an Order, a redacted reference was provided, balancing the interests of both the referee and job-seeker. We will delve further into the implications of this important case in this newsletter's edition of Commissioner's

Corner. With that, I invite you to explore our newsletter and discover all the exciting initiatives that the ODPa has been engaged in over the last month!

Brent Homan
Data Protection Commissioner
Bailiwick of Guernsey

Headlines...

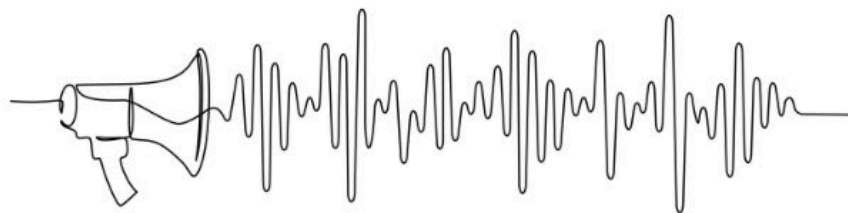
PUBLIC STATEMENT



[Data Protection Authority opens Inquiry into data breach at the Director of the Revenue Service · ODPa](#)

Find out more about the opening of an Inquiry into a data breach allegedly involving a significant volume of personal information.

PUBLIC STATEMENT



[Policy & Resources ordered to release employment reference · ODPa](#)

On 12 April the ODPa issued an Enforcement Order to the Policy & Resources Committee for failing to disclose details of a reference to a potential employee within the initial deadline. More about this in Commissioner's Corner....

Spotlight on guidance...

GUIDANCE: How to handle someone's 'data subject access request' when there is information about other individuals involved.
(Section 16 of the Law)



Guidance

Every month we focus on a key piece of guidance to help navigate the complexities of the law. This month, we are highlighting [Section 16 Guidance](#) to help anyone who needs to respond to an individual's 'data subject access request' ('DSAR') where the information the individual is requesting includes information about other people. [Read all our guidance here.](#)

News in brief...

Google Streetview – user generated imagery



Google Streetview – user generated imagery · ODP

Read what the ODP had to say when asked to comment on whether the group of individuals uploading 'user generated content' to Google Streetview was of concern from a data protection perspective, given that individuals' identities and locations may be revealed in Streetview imagery.

Commissioner's Corner



[A monthly spotlight on a privacy issue making waves around the globe...](#)

Each month our Commissioner, Brent Homan, delves into a privacy issue which has attracted headlines or attention in the Bailiwick or across the globe. This month it's about an individual's rights to access information about them in employee reference letters.

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