



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

Highlights...

Warro
goes on an adventure



Alderney drop-ins 

Thu 12 Oct
15:30 - 17:30 General Public
17:30 - 19:00 Charities



Fri 13 Oct
15:00 - 19:00 Businesses and Professionals

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email: communications@odpa.gg
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Meet Warro

We are delighted to share this preview of our upcoming book for primary-school aged children, to help begin their journey into the ever-changing world of data.

Inter-island engagement

Following the success of last September's visit to Alderney, we are planning another trip this autumn to support the local community's data protection needs.

This month's update from our Commissioner, Emma Martins

To steal a quote from this month's book recommendation: *"We can build a security culture based on either fear or inspiration. But the latter is more effective. A healthy security culture is one where people understand the risks and take sensible precautions to avoid (them)."*

Of course, discussions of data and its protection go beyond questions of security but nonetheless, keeping data safe and secure is a fundamental legal and moral responsibility for any organisation. We have seen that only too starkly in recent weeks with some quite staggering breaches hitting the headlines.

And against this backdrop it was good to be invited to contribute to discussions about risk and how we respond to it, [with the Risk Coalition](#), a theme we explored further in our recent [Guernsey Press article](#).

These conversations are not only interesting, they also help us focus on real areas of potential harm and encourage us to take the time to think carefully about what part we can all play in reducing or mitigating risks. Because that surely has to be the aim.

That approach has always been central to the work we do at the ODPa. Indeed, the four pillars of our strategic and operational activities are [PREDICT](#), [PREVENT](#), [DETECT](#) and [ENFORCE](#).

All four elements are unquestionably linked. If we succeed in prediction and prevention (of harm), we are going to need to resort to detection and enforcement less often.

We want to use all the platforms available to us to raise awareness of, and encourage conversations about, the role data plays in our lives, and the role we play in building a respectful culture.

But we are also acutely aware that this issue affects everyone, and we work hard to ensure that we use as many different and creative ways to engage people across our whole community.

All organisations are now heavily reliant upon data. Most could not function without it, and it is, I would argue, at the core of questions of trust and confidence.

It has always been the case that small businesses and the charity sector have often found their compliance obligations challenging. We have always done our best to cut through some of the misinformation and myths to support them in achieving high standards of data governance.

This in turn can proactively support their business objectives (it's that trust and confidence thing again!). To that end, I am pleased that we are running a further event on [4th October](#) specifically for the Third Sector.

Last but not least, we are getting closer to a very special day, 25th September, which will see the launch of [Warro](#) as part of our schools programme, [Project Bijou Seeds](#).

All the work we do is close to our hearts, none more than the work we do to try and engage, educate and empower our children and young people. That is not always easy and the communication tools and methods we use for the wider population are unlikely to resonate with the younger generation.

Warro has been developed by the team here and published locally. It is only one strand of the many ways in which we try to raise awareness but it is one that we are particularly excited about.

Going back to the earlier quote, our aim is to build a culture based on inspiration.

Emma Martins
Data Protection Commissioner
Bailiwick of Guernsey

Headlines...



[Freedom of Information \(FOI\) Overview](#)

Details of thousands of police and civilian personnel employed by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) were released in error in response to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, with potentially life-changing consequences for those identified. It has also put Freedom of Information requests into the spotlight, so we have prepared some frequently asked questions for the purposes of clarification.

News in brief...

ODPA blog posts



Read latest blogs

Catch up with the latest thought-provoking blog posts written by our Commissioner Emma Martins:

- [A risky business](#),
- [Opening our eyes to the risks in our hands](#) and
- [Opportunities and Risks](#).

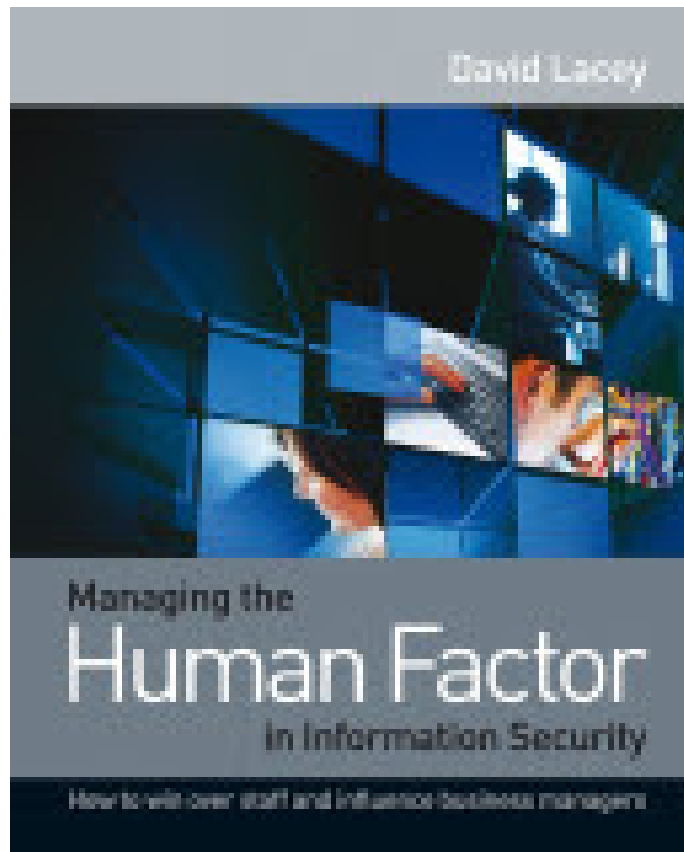
Beyond our shores



Beyond our shores

High profile data breaches have dominated the headlines recently. Find out more with our monthly round-up of recent data-related developments from around the world.

Reading recommendation...



Managing the Human Factor in Information Security by David Lacey

This book was published a few years ago but is as relevant (if not more so) today when we seem to be drowning in stories of data related failures.

Lacey gives us not only a comprehensive analysis of where the vulnerabilities are, but – importantly – also offers us practical and do-able solutions not only for those responsible for the technology, but for anyone interested in business/organisational success (which should be everyone!).

Coming soon...

Data Protection for Charities

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Drop-in session for the third sector

We are partnering with the Association of Guernsey Charities to offer an informal drop-in session at Cobo Community Centre to help charities navigate their legal obligations.

Please email development@charity.org.gg if you wish to attend.

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