



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

Highlights...

Merry Christmas from the ODPa



Best wishes for the festive period!

We will be taking a break from lunchtime on Friday 22 December until Tuesday 2 January 2024. enquiries@odpa.gg will be monitored throughout this period.

Data protection registration and renewal window opens January 2024



Annual registration reminder

Our annual registration period opens from 1 January - end of February 2024. If you work with data about or related to identified (or identifiable) living people you are legally obliged to maintain an annual registration with us.

This month's update from our Commissioner, Emma Martins

This will be my last newsletter before handing over the reins to the new Commissioner, Brent Homan.

These communications have been important for me as a way of highlighting the work that the office has been doing as well as some of the key issues in this area, locally and further afield.

We are at a key moment in our history. World events have shown us how fragile human rights are and how power imbalances can affect individuals and societies.

The pace of technological development has also highlighted the importance of keeping humans 'in the loop'.

As I look back at these past few years, I hope that we have managed to reposition the idea of the protection of personal data from something seen as 'red tape' or a 'bureaucratic burden', to something which is fundamental to our rights as citizens in a democracy.

What happens to our data, happens to us.

The better we understand that, the better we can engage. And the reason engagement is important is because the issue of data affects every one of us.

If we do not encourage an inclusive conversation, we are leaving out people who deserve to have their views heard.

We have been clear from the outset that we want to focus on harm prevention.

That has meant working to positively engage with those who have the responsibility of looking after our personal data and encouraging them to do so ethically as well as legally.

It has also meant that we have tried to involve the community as a whole and these newsletters, our local media articles and outreach events have been a key part of that work.

At the risk of oversimplifying what is a complex piece of legislation, at its heart, data protection is people protection. It is not something for regulators or lawyers alone, it is for us all.

These newsletters and reading recommendations have been our way of trying to encourage engagement and interest.

Thank you for reading and I hope you will continue to engage in these issues that are so important for us all. Technology can do lots of great things but it cannot replace the rich human to human connection and communication between us.

Emma Martins
Data Protection Commissioner
Bailiwick of Guernsey

Headlines...

The Children's Framework:

Have your say on how information about children is treated.



Public Consultation for Children's Framework

We would like everyone (children, young people, and adults) to have their say about how information about children is treated by taking part in the public consultation about our development of a **Children's Framework**.

PUBLIC STATEMENT



Investigation Report issued to family after ODPa serves Enforcement

Notice

The Data Protection Authority (the Authority) has served The Committee for Health and Social Care (HSC) with an Enforcement Order in relation to a data subject access request it failed to handle appropriately.

PUBLIC STATEMENT



[Enforcement Order issued to Guernsey Union D'Escrime LBG over failures in processing of personal data](#)

The Guernsey Union D'Escrime LBG ('the GUE') has been served with an Enforcement Order requiring it to improve its processes for dealing with data subject access requests. The Data Protection Authority conducted an investigation following a complaint from a family that they hadn't been provided with information being held about them.

News in brief...

ODPA blog posts



Read latest blogs

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

- [How to build a data-driven future for the next generation](#)
- [Why a clear strategic vision matters](#)

Beyond our shores



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The inaugural AI Safety Summit took place at Bletchley Park in the UK in November. Find out more with our monthly round-up of recent data-related developments from around the world.

Reading recommendation...

Our outgoing Commissioner's reflections on reading



Our Commissioner's best reads

For our final 'book recommendation' of 2023, we wanted to take the opportunity to showcase the broad selection of fiction and non-fiction which Emma Martins has carefully selected over the years.

Coming soon...

Data safeguarding masterclass for small businesses

In partnership with:



Session for small businesses

During this lunchtime session, our Senior Investigator Edward Chapman will explain how to avoid common pitfalls when handling personal information. It's taking place from **12-1 pm** on **16 January** at the **Digital Greenhouse**.



Protecting your
business, protecting
people's data:
five key steps to take in 2024



Guernsey
Chamber
of Commerce



5 key steps for your business to take in 2024

In this event we will explain the five key steps that all local businesses can take to look after data well, help safeguard your business' reputation and protect people's legal rights.

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