

Data dispatch - July 2024

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Welcome to the fifth edition of Data Dispatch from the Data Advisory team at RPC. Our aim is to provide you on a regular basis with an easy-to-digest summary of key developments in data protection law.

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Key developments

DPDI Bill falls in 'wash up' ahead of General Elections

The Data Protection and Digital Information Bill has been dropped in the Parliamentary 'wash up' process following the announcement of the general elections this summer.

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ICO consults on "consent or pay" business model

The ICO has called for views on the use of "consent or pay" business models which will contribute to the ICO's final regulatory position on this issue.

Read the full article.

Al Update

The EU Al Act has been signed. In the UK, the Al and Digital Hub has been set up to provide one-stop-shop regulatory advice on innovative tech.

Read the full article.

Enforcement action

ICO orders Serco Leisure and community leisure trusts to stop processing biometric data for the purposes of monitoring their employees

On 23 February 2024, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) announced the issuing of enforcement notices ordering Serco Leisure, Serco Jersey, and seven associated community leisure trusts to stop using facial recognition technology, and fingerprint scanning, to monitor their employees' attendance at work (see here).

Read the full article.

CJEU finds that a press release by the European Anti-Fraud Office indirectly identified the subject of a fraud investigation

On 7 March 2024, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), annulling a finding of the General Court of the European Union (GC), confirmed that, to determine if a data subject is indirectly identifiable, it is necessary to view the information in its entirety and to consider 'all the means reasonably likely to be used' by individuals to identify a data subject.

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Need to know

The ICO has issued guidance on the use of fines under the UK GDPR

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The ICO plan to create an Al tool to identify websites which are using non-compliant cookie banners

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UK's ICO and USA's FCC collaborate to tackle unwanted communications

The UK's Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and USA's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) have announced that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (the Memorandum) regarding the protection of consumers from unsolicited communications.

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