



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

Highlights...



European recognition for our Commissioner

Commissioner Emma Martins has been given the Award for Achievement at the PICCASO Privacy Awards Europe. It recognises her distinguished career and the huge contribution she has made to data protection in the Channel Islands and beyond.



ODPA children's book rolled out to island schools

All Year 4 children should receive a copy of the ODPa storybook in November. 'Warro goes on an adventure' introduces children and young people to the concept of personal data and how it is used in our everyday lives. This [podcast](#) explains the inspiration for Warro.

This month's update from our Commissioner, Emma Martins

I am writing this after attending the last public engagement of my term (my thanks go to the Chamber of Commerce and Richard Field). It has always been one of the highlights of my role to be privileged to speak to and with our community - to talk about the work we do and the reason it matters.

These are always enjoyable events but there is a serious side because they are also about accountability. We have been given significant responsibilities and powers under the [Law](#) and how we exercise them matters.

I want us to be accountable for everything we do, and don't do (because inaction can also have consequences).

I know we have been back to 'normal' for a while now, but I still find myself appreciating in-person events much more than I did pre-pandemic. Artificial Intelligence may be able to do lots of brilliant things, but it cannot (in my view) replace human to human communication.

It has been another busy month in the world of data, both locally and beyond. To mark [UNICEF's World Children's Day](#) we launched a public consultation as part of our work on a [Children's Framework](#) to support the responsible use of children's information, together with a [blog](#) setting out why involving and considering our younger generation is so vital.

The rollout of our storybook [Warro](#) has continued and we have been delighted with the responses of the children (and teachers!). The Bailiwick schools have been wonderfully supportive, and it illustrates so beautifully the power and potential of community.

Further afield, it does feel as though there has been a shift in conversations about AI recently.

We are seeing more considered and thoughtful deliberations around some of the real-world impacts these technologies are having and that has to be a good thing.

There is the potential for these innovations to do so much good but we need to get better at understanding and preventing the harms. Even those of us working in this field have a difficult time keeping up with developments so we have published a short [global AI regulation update](#). These things may feel distant, but they increasingly impact us all.

Responding to this shared global challenge is at the core of the work being done by the [Global Privacy Assembly \(GPA\)](#). It meets annually to bring together regulatory authorities and data protection professionals from around the world, to discuss global threats to information security and debate potential solutions.

Especially as a small jurisdiction with limited resources, we can benefit from working with and learning from other regulators.

Emma Martins
Data Protection Commissioner
Bailiwick of Guernsey

Headlines...

The Children's Framework:
Have your say on how information about children is treated.



Find out more about the Children's Framework and tell us what you think at:
www.odpa.gg/childrens-framework

[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



[**ODPA co-sponsors resolutions at the 45th Global Privacy Assembly.**](#)

The Office of the Data Protection Authority (ODPA) has co-sponsored two resolutions adopted by the 45th Global Privacy Assembly in October.

Held in Bermuda, the ODPA’s Commissioner Emma Martins and Deputy Commissioner Rachel Masterton both participated in the event, joining regulatory authorities and data protection professionals from around the world, to discuss global threats to information security and debate potential solutions.

News in brief...

Global AI regulation update

[**UK Govt hosts first AI Safety Summit**](#)

Held at **Bletchley Park** (home of WWII’s codebreakers) on 1-2 November 2023, this event aimed to: “consider the **risks of AI**, especially at the frontier of development” and “discuss how they can be **mitigated** through internationally coordinated action.” Find out more in our [**Global AI regulation**](#) update.

ODPA blog posts

[**Read latest blogs**](#)

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

- [**World Children's Day**](#)
- [**Are social media companies treating children like 'crash test dummies'?**](#)

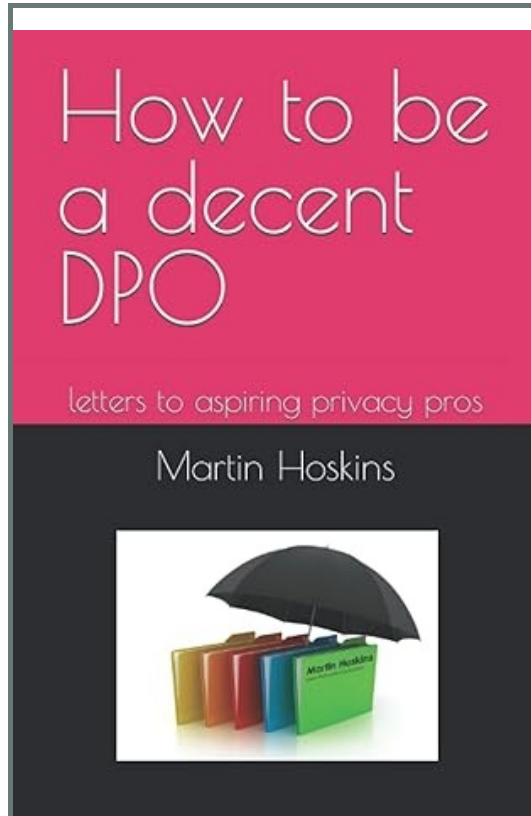
Beyond our shores



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The UK's Online Safety Bill became law at the end of October 2023. Find out more with our monthly round-up of recent data-related developments from around the world.

Reading recommendation...



How to be a decent DPO by Martin Hoskins

Martin Hoskins has a wealth of experience at the coal face as a Data Protection Officer (DPO). The book he has written is framed as 'letters to aspiring privacy pros' but one of the great joys (and difficulties!) of life as a DPO is that the job, and the learning, is never done. We should never stop aspiring!

Coming soon...

Data protection registration and renewal window opens January 2024



Annual registration reminder

Our annual registration window will be open from beginning January 2024 until the end of February. 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.

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