Your latest bi-monthly update from The Office of the Data Protection Authority (ODPA).

Highlights…

Balancing politics, privacy and public interests

In this podcast Commissioner Homan talks to Economic Development Vice President Steve Falla about why robust data protection practices support a vibrant and globally competitive financial services sector.

Bailiwick Data Protection Advisory - Data Scraping

The ODPA has been made aware of a suspected data scraping incident in the Bailiwick in which an online business directory appeared to be scraped by a third party, who then attempted to sell the data.

An update from our Commissioner, Brent Homan

As we welcome a new year, I am pleased to highlight the exciting launch of a new regulatory forum that promises to better protect and serve the Bailiwick and its residents.

The Guernsey Consumer Cooperation Forum (GCCF) brings together the Office of Data Protection Authority, the Guernsey Competition & Regulatory Authority and the Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman. All partners share a common mandate of protecting and advancing citizens rights - whether it relates to privacy, competition or consumer protection, and these responsibilities often overlap with each other.

This presents exciting partnership opportunities - from educating islanders about consumer and data risks, to strengthening the Bailiwick leadership position as a safe, secure and competitive jurisdiction to do business! Other stories of interest in this edition include: advice to combat the latest data scraping threat to the islands; the promise and perils of the metaverse, and reflections on an overnight sleep out in support for Guernsey's homeless.

So sit back with your beverage of choice and enjoy the ODPA's first newsletter for 2025!

Brent Homan
Data Protection Commissioner
Bailiwick of Guernsey

Other headlines…

Beyond our shores
From privacy news to AI's relationship with data protection - find out what's been happening in the world of data recently.

Spotlight on guidance...

Guidance

Every month we focus on a key piece of guidance to help navigate the complexities of the law.

Our annual window for businesses, levy collection agents, charities and non-profit organisations to submit their mandatory registrations closes on the 28th February. Learn more...

Read all our guidance here.

News in brief…

ODPA releases fourth quarter breach statistics

Every quarter the ODPA shares insights from recent breach data to help public, private and third-sector organisations improve breach preparedness.

Blog: Children & the Metaverse

Bailiwick Data Protection Commissioner Brent Homan examines the promise and perils of this cyber-frontier for its largest user group – our children.

Commissioner supports initiative to tackle homelessness

One cold, wet, dark January night, Commissioner Brent Homan swapped his bed for a sleeping bag in a soggy field as he joined dozens of other islanders taking part in the Big Skipton International Sleep Out.

New Guernsey regulatory forum launched

A new regulatory partnership has been launched, the Guernsey Consumer Cooperation Forum (GCCF), to strengthen information sharing and encourage cross-regulatory cooperation in the Bailiwick.

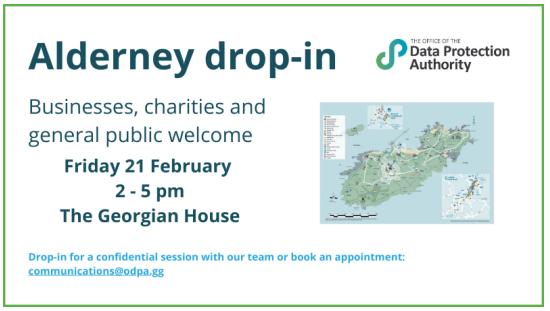
Coming up...

Ace Invaders

An exciting and impactful community event where gaming meets online safety! Join us at Beau Sejour for gaming competitions and interactive stands aimed at helping young people navigate the digital landscape safely.

Workshop: Five key steps for protecting your business' data

Deputy Commissioner Rachel Masterton highlights five key steps to take this year. In this short lunchtime lecture, she will simplify ways you can protect your business and data.



Drop-in: Alderney

The ODPA will be visiting Alderney to engage with the island's business community, charities and members of the public during our registration window.

Handling Data Subject Access Requests

In this Breakfast workshop, ODPA investigators will lead an interactive, practical exercise with real world examples helping you learn how to respond to DSARs.

Project Bijou

Project Bijou is an ODPA social initiative that encourages everyone to share stories, knowledge and

Project Bijou SEEDS

Project Bijou Seeds is the arm of Project Bijou aimed at engaging the Bailiwick's young generations. It forms

experiences related to ethical data use. It is a growing resource of **over 50 inspiring speakers** from around the world organised to resemble a free online conference.

Discover Project Bijou

part of our strategic plan, and statutory obligation to raise children's awareness of their rights, and to understand their responsibilities to others.

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