



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

Highlights...



ODPA prepares for the future with move to new central Town location

We've moved to new premises in Lefebvre Street. [If you are registered with us please update your public facing Data Processing Notices](#) to reflect our new address.

ODPA launch accountability benchmarking survey



Accountability survey launched

Have your say in our public consultation into the Law's accountability principle.

An update from our Commissioner, Brent Homan

As I raised in June's [Guernsey Press column](#), there is an important conversation happening in the United Kingdom that has reached the shores of the Bailiwick. It has inspired thoughtful and, at times, strident debate amongst parents, educators and leaders, and orbits the central question: "should we ban the use of mobile phones and social media by children?"

In delving into this sensitive issue I concluded that while bans are rarely an effective solution, we should applaud the strong and courageous voices of bereaved parents and concerned community leaders that have sounded this clarion call.

It is often these very "ban calls" that act as catalysts for positive and enduring change. They elevate the priority of a matter on the public stage, encourage

public discourse and provoke leaders in the government and business sectors to take meaningful action. Protecting children's rights is not just a UK priority but a global priority.

To that end, I recently chaired a session on tackling children's privacy issues from different angles at a Privacy Laws & Business conference in Cambridge. Speaking on the Panel, Deputy Commissioner Rachel Masterton discussed at length the difficult and delicate balance needed between regulation, enforcement, education and engagement with governments, educators, parents, carers and children themselves.

In the Bailiwick we received a higher than usual number of breach reports resulting from phishing activities, prompting us to issue a Public Advisory, warning Guernsey residents to be vigilant about suspicious emails and 'think before they click'.

We also published several key pieces of guidance to help organisations comply with the local data protection legislation. This included [advice on using third parties to work with other people's data](#) and [sharing data in health emergencies at work](#).

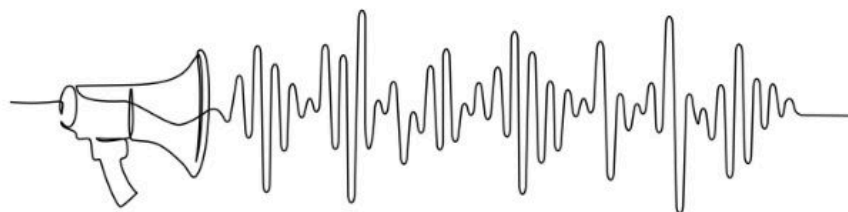
Finally, our [2023 Annual Report](#) is out now and highlights the excellent achievements realized in 2023, as we progress towards a vision of Guernsey as a model for the global data protection community with a public and private sector that embraces compliance and elevates the level of trust and consumer confidence.

Yes, quite a bit going on in our corner of the data protection world, so keep reading to find out more ODPA news, including our recent move!

Brent Homan
Data Protection Commissioner
Bailiwick of Guernsey

Headlines...

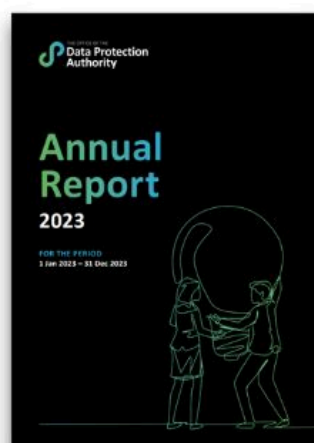
PUBLIC STATEMENT



HSC reprimanded for delayed breach notification

The Data Protection Authority have released [this public statement](#) under Section 64 of The Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017.

ODPA publish 2023 Annual Report



Annual Report (2023) published

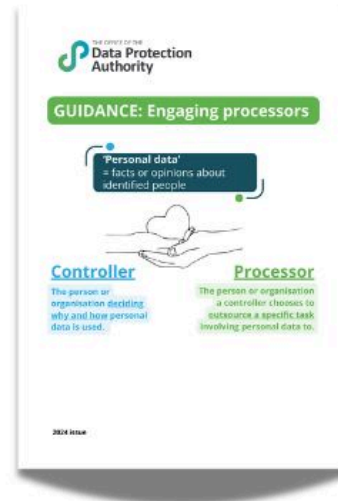
Read the Data Protection Authority's Annual Report for 2023 which details the Office of the Data Protection Authority's (ODPA) activities under The Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017.

Key highlights from 2023 include:

- 12 new guidance notes published to help organisations understand and comply with the law.
- 1,128 children/young people attended ODPA Schools Programme sessions (Project Bijou Seeds).
- 56 new data protection complaints received.
- 151 breaches reported.
- 16 new investigations opened.
- 7 new inquiries opened.

Spotlight on guidance...

Guidance published on using third parties to work with people's data



Guidance

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

This month, we are highlighting [new, detailed guidance to help you comply with the Law when you are using third parties](#) to do certain tasks with people's data.

[Read all our guidance resources here.](#)

News in brief...

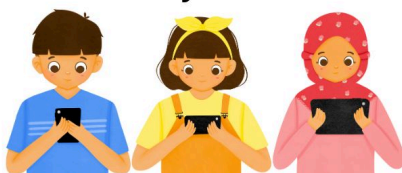
Think before you click!



Islanders advised to be vigilant as phishing activity soars

We issued a 'data protection advisory' to all islanders to exercise extreme caution when receiving e-mails containing links and attachments.

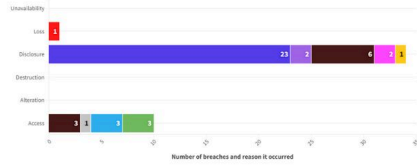
Why bans don't work...but a CALL for a ban may



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An important conversation is happening around the world, the central question is: "[should we ban the use of mobile phones and social media by children?](#)".

Be prepared: what you can learn from local data breaches



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Increase your breach preparedness by reading about the latest statistics of personal data breaches reported by local organisations, together with what can be learned from them.

Beyond our shores



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From cyber attacks, to huge hacks, to regulatory action - find out what's been happening in the world of data recently.

Registration fees to increase from 2025



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The Committee for Home Affairs have approved an increase of the registration fees payable to the Data Protection Authority (DPA).

Coming soon...

Workshop: How to 'eat breaches for breakfast'



How to 'eat breaches for breakfast'

Join us at one of our free breach workshops:

[17 July - only 2 spaces left!](#)

[12 Sept - Book your free space](#)

[5 Dec - Book your free space](#)

The Bijou Lecture 2024



with Prof. Victoria Nash

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We are thrilled to announce that this year's [Bijou Lecture](#) will be recorded later this month.

[Prof Victoria Nash](#) is a Guernsey-born academic at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford. She will be sharing her insights on the governance challenges of digital

technologies, with a particular focus on online safety, content moderation and platform regulation.

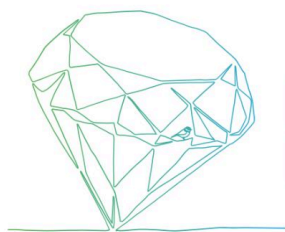
We'd love to include your burning questions so please [send us your questions for Prof Nash before 19 July.](#)

Commissioner's Corner



[A spotlight on a privacy issue making waves around the globe...](#)

Our Commissioner, Brent Homan delves into privacy issues which have attracted headlines or attention in the Bailiwick or across the globe. This time it's about [how governments can balance citizens' data rights with the need to protect their society's values.](#)



**Project
Bijou**

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



Project Bijou Seeds is the arm of Project Bijou aimed at engaging the Bailiwick's young generations. It forms part of our strategic plan, and statutory obligation to raise children's awareness of their rights, and to understand their responsibilities to others.

Discover Project Bijou

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