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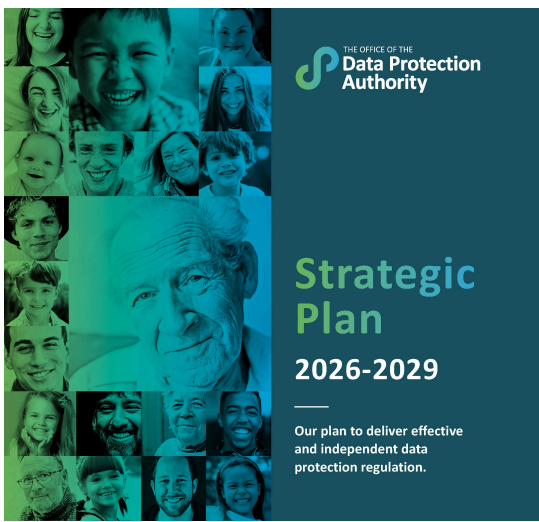
Highlights



[Data Protection Authority welcomes new Board members](#)

The States of Guernsey has appointed two new Board members of the Data Protection Authority, Sarah Willis and Steve Wood.

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ODPA sets new strategic direction

The Office of the Data Protection Authority (ODPA) has published its new Strategic Plan. It sets out how we will deliver innovative, agile and effective data protection regulation for the Bailiwick of Guernsey over the next three years.

An update from our Commissioner

In our first newsletter of 2026 we have so much to share about how we closed out 2025 and brought in the new year. From education to enforcement, our new three-year Strategic Plan to welcoming new board members - these are exciting times at Guernsey's Data Protection Authority!

Balance, Trust and Partnership represent our regulatory pillars and they featured prominently as we launched our Parents' Workshop in partnership with the Bailiwick's schools - providing actionable advice on how to raise our children in a digital era that holds both promise and peril. Protecting children online also represented the theme of this year's Global Privacy Sweep that our Office was privileged to be a co-coordinator.

Turning to enforcement, in December we welcomed the Royal Court's dismissal of the first contested appeal brought against the Authority. In upholding our determination, the ruling confirmed the integrity and proportionality of our investigative approach. Read more about this and other recent cases below.

And finally, we are proud to welcome two new talented board members in Sarah Willis and Steve Wood, while launching our new three-year Strategic Plan outlining our ambitious journey to enhance the protection of citizens' data in the Bailiwick while supporting a trusted world class innovative economy where people's data rights are respected.

So, kick back with your favourite beverage and happy reading!

Brent R Homan

Data Protection Commissioner
Bailiwick of Guernsey

Spotlight on public statements...

- [ODPA sanctions First Contact Health for phishing attack breach](#)
- [ODPA sanctions Fresh Dental for phishing attack breach](#)
- [The Ladies' College ordered to improve security measures following breach](#)
- [ODPA partially upholds complaint against States of Alderney by former Chief Executive](#)

News in brief...



[ODPA launches new resources for data protection professionals](#)

The Office of the Data Protection Authority has launched a new resource designed to make life easier for Data Protection Officers (DPOs) and organisations dealing with Data Subject Access Requests.



[Focus on Parents' Workshops for Safer Internet Day 2026](#)

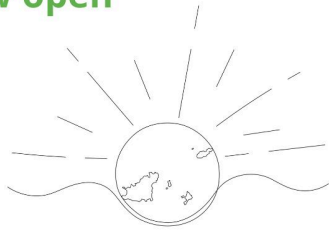
Safer Internet Day is a key event in the global online safety calendar. The ODPa will be hosting four Parents' Workshops in March to help keep children and their personal data safe online.



[Beyond our shores](#)

Firm responses to the use of AI-generated 'deepfakes' and the consideration of social media bans for children were among the key topics in the world of data protection and privacy last month.

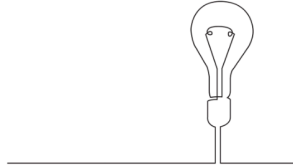
2026 registration window open



Registration window is open

Make sure to register or renew with the Data Protection Authority by the end of February.

Press release



Royal Court of Guernsey upholds Data Protection Authority's determination

In a Judgment handed down on 23 December 2025 the Royal Court dismissed an appeal brought by AFR Advocates against a breach determination by the Data Protection Authority (the "Authority") issued against AFR.

2025 Global Privacy Enforcement Network sweep:



Protecting children's privacy

2025 Global Privacy Enforcement Network Sweep

The ODPA joined forces with over 30 data protection and privacy regulators worldwide to closely examine websites and mobile apps popular with children.

How data drove the Roman Empire



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Privacy is driven by people, not just by laws. In his second column of the series '*Privacy through Time and Space*', Commissioner Brent Homan shares fascinating stories passed on by Alex White - Queensland Privacy Commissioner by day and passionate Romanophile by night.

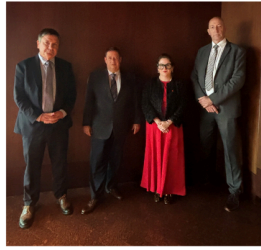
Joint investigation launched to investigate Prospect breach

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Joint investigation launched into Prospect breach

A joint investigation has been launched by the Data Protection authorities of Guernsey, Jersey, the Isle of Man and the UK into a cyber incident that compromised data of the trade union Prospect Custodian Trustees Ltd in June 2025.

The Living Highlights

Reflections and foreshadowing in the world of data protection

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The Living Highlights - reflections and foreshadowing in the world of data protection.

Deputy Data Protection Commissioner Rachel Masterton reflects on the highlights of 2025 and shares her insightful predictions for what 2026 could bring.



A privacy epiphany in Ethiopia

It is people, not laws, that drive privacy. In this first column of a series exploring 'Privacy through Time and Space', Commissioner Brent Homan discusses why privacy is more than just a compendium of laws.

Events...



Workshop: 'How to eat breaches for breakfast'

No-one wants to experience a personal data breach but for anyone working with people's data it's something we all must be prepared for.



[Alderney registration drop-ins](#)

The ODPAs are hosting registration drop-ins at the Georgian House in Alderney on Thursday 26 February.

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