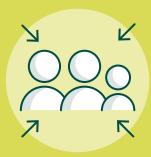


Priorities during COVID-19 and beyond – 2020-21

The ICO has reshaped its priorities for the coming months. We have considered the current landscape and looked ahead to assess where and how we should narrow our focus on the areas we can have the greatest impact to protect the public interest and support economic growth and innovation.

Three impacts identified



Protecting the public interest

We are focused on the information rights issues that are likely to cause the most harm or distress to the largest number of citizens and businesses.



Enabling responsible data sharing

Ensuring that data can be shared responsibly and with confidence for the public good, including responding to the risk arising from a failure to share.



Monitoring intrusive and disruptive technology

We are ensuring we protect privacy, while enabling innovation and supporting the economy.

Six priorities

Protecting our vulnerable citizens







Supporting economic growth and digitalisation, including small businesses







Shaping proportionate surveillance







Enabling good practice in AI







Enabling transparency







Maintaining business continuity; developing new ways of working in readiness for recovery





