Our ambition

- "It is our ambition to be one of the most transparent governments in the world."
  Prime Minister David Cameron, November 2010

- "Greater transparency across government is at the heart of our shared commitment to enable the public to hold politicians and public bodies to account; to reduce the deficit and deliver better value for money in public spending; and to realise significant economic benefits by enabling businesses and non-profit organisations to build innovative applications and websites using public data."
  Prime Minister David Cameron, May 2010

- "...we will extend transparency to every area of public life."
  Coalition Programme for Government, May 2010
Why Transparency?

What have we achieved so far?

data.gov.uk – pushing out data

Changes to FOI Act to extend the scope of the Act and push out datasets for re-use

Public Data Corporation

Privacy Review

Open Government Licence

Transparency Board

Public Data Principles
Using the data - Where does my money go?

• Developed by the Open Knowledge Foundation to show people how their taxes are spent through interesting visuals and easy to use apps.
• Example shows the breakdown of public spending for a taxpayer on an income of £25,000.
• Other apps illustrate trends in spending over time.
• Based on public sector expenditure data.

Using the data - Schooloscope

• School choices site that lets parents quickly and easily find and compare English schools in their area based on a number of easy-to-understand icons and comparisons.
• A mash-up of Ofsted reports and Department for Education school attainment league tables analysed with their proprietary "recommendation" scale, displayed on a map service.
Protecting Privacy

- Code of Practice under section 45 of FOIA

- Working with ICO on education and information for PAs and public

- Administrative guidance for central government which sets standards – using expertise from across PAs

- Privacy Impact Assessment

- Privacy Review – Dr Kieron O'Hara