

Welcome to the ICO's Nov 2018 e-newsletter

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Welcome from the Information Commissioner

Maintaining and developing influence within the global information rights regulatory community is a key part of the ICO's work. Our influence on the international stage, helps with our work here at home. And in this age of borderless data flows, there has never been a more important time for global coherence in data protection and privacy.



So it is an honour to have been elected Chair of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC). The ICDPPC is the leading global forum of data protection and privacy authorities, encompassing more than 120 members across all continents. It has an important leadership role and addresses global data protection policy issues with governments and policymakers.

Global influence and impact came to the fore this month when my office issued a maximum £500,000 fine to Facebook for data protection failings. Our action was part of our wider investigation into the use of data analytics for political purposes.

This investigation and the issues we have uncovered is the biggest data protection story in a decade. I'll be giving more detail about our overall findings when I report to Parliament on 6 November.

Our work



Elizabeth Denham elected chair of the ICDPPC

The International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC), which is the leading global forum of data protection and privacy authorities [will now be chaired by the Information Commissioner.](#)



Meet the new ICO Director for Strategic Policy (International)

Anneke Schmider brings a wealth of experience to the ICO, at a time that international data policy is firmly in the spotlight. [Read a brief biography.](#)



New GDPR guidance published

Today we published guidance about [passwords](#) and [encryption](#) under the GDPR.

Regulating the tech giants in the digital age

ICO Deputy Commissioner (Operations) James Dipple-Johnstone delivered the Institute of Economic Affairs' Beesley Lecture on 'Regulating the tech giants in the digital age', hosted at the Institute of Directors in London. Read the text of his speech [here](#).



New ICO hub to support innovation

The ICO has been awarded a [£537,000 government grant to establish a Regulators' Business and Privacy Innovation Hub](#). The hub will provide data privacy expertise to other UK regulators to ensure rules and regulations keep pace with technologies of the future.

Help us shape our codes of practice

We're creating new codes of practice for direct marketing, age appropriate design and the use of personal data in political campaigns. The codes will provide practical guidance for organisations. We want

your thoughts, so please [look out for our call for views coming soon](#).



Hear from the ICO more regularly

E-newsletter readers have told us they would like to receive updates from the ICO via email more regularly; particularly to receive information about new guidance on the day of release. If you would like to receive additional email updates about the ICO's work please [complete this form](#).

In your sector

Quick self-assessment for small business owner or sole trader

If you are a sole trader, self-employed or a small business owner [you can complete our anonymous self-assessment checklist](#) will help you see how well you comply with data protection laws and identify areas you might need to work on. The checklist is free, easy to use and anonymous.

Events and Webinars

Register your interest for DPPC 2019

The ICO's next annual Data Protection Practitioner's Conference will be held on 8 April 2019 in Manchester. We'll be looking at GDPR one year on, the future of data-protection post-Brexit and the ICO's role on the international stage. The conference is suitable for newly appointed practitioners and those with more experience but we will be giving priority those new to the role.



[Register your interest now](#)

Enforcement Action



ICO issues maximum £500,000 fine to Facebook

The ICO's investigation found that Facebook failed to sufficiently protect the privacy of its users before, during and after the unlawful processing of this data. [Read the full details of Facebooks failings in the case.](#)



ICO on Rip off Britain

Enforcement Group Manager, Andy Curry has appeared on BBC's consumer programme, Rip Off Britain. He spoke about our continued work to tackle nuisance calls and marketing. [You can watch the episode on BBC iPlayer until 19th November.](#)

Heathrow Airport Limited fined £120,000

The ICO [fined Heathrow Airport Limited \(HAL\) £120,000](#) for failing to ensure the personal data held on its network was properly secured.



ICO fines firm £90,000 for nuisance emails

[The ICO fined the London-based marketing company,](#) Boost Finance Ltd who were responsible for millions of nuisance emails about pre-paid funeral plans.

In other news

UK Government signs modernised Convention 108

The ICO is delighted the [UK Government was among the very first signatories](#) of the modernised version of the Council of Europe's Convention 108, which opened for signature in Strasbourg this month.

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