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The DPOA is an assessment of the impact of the most significant and important-to-know data protection issues from around the globe. It's not the full story, just a quick 3-minute read, collated and condensed to keep you updated with the latest news in our ever-evolving industry.

A practical guide to identity verification for DSARs

Verifying identity is a critical step in responding to Data Subject Access Requests (DSARs), but getting it wrong can either expose personal data or create unnecessary delays for individuals.

Our latest blog explains how to apply a risk-based approach to identity verification, covering when checks are needed, how to verify requests efficiently, and how to manage higher-risk and third-party scenarios.

[Read our blog](#)



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UNITED KINGDOM

ICO publishes final guidance on storage and access technologies

Aimed at providers of online services, the guidance incorporates updates introduced by the Data Use and Access Act. It explains how the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) and UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) apply to technologies such as cookies, tracking pixels, and device fingerprinting.

The guidance includes new examples and clarifications to support compliance, including what constitutes a 'simple means' for users to object, and whether the same technology can be used for multiple purposes.

[Read the ICO guidance](#)

NCSC recommends passkeys as preferred login method

The UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has published new guidance recommending passkeys as a more secure alternative to traditional passwords and multi-factor authentication (MFA) methods.

The guidance reflects growing industry focus on phishing-resistant authentication, particularly as organisations face increasingly sophisticated social engineering attacks. Organisations should consider whether passkeys could strengthen authentication controls for employees and users, particularly for systems handling sensitive personal data.

[Read the NCSC guidance](#)

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EUROPEAN UNION

European Commission recommends EU-wide approach to age verification

On 29 April 2026, the European Commission adopted a recommendation setting out a common approach to age verification across the EU. The recommendation outlines a governance framework to support the adoption of anonymous proof-of-age technologies, including integration with the European Digital Identity Wallet.

Member States are encouraged to develop implementation plans, collaborate with regulators and stakeholders, and ensure solutions meet appropriate cybersecurity standards through independent scrutiny.

The move reflects growing regulatory focus on protecting minors online whilst minimising the collection of personal data.

[Read the recommendation](#)

EU lawmakers agree proposal to simplify AI Act implementation

On 7 May 2026, EU lawmakers reached a provisional agreement on proposals to streamline implementation of the EU AI Act. The changes are intended to simplify compliance obligations while maintaining the Act's core risk-based framework.

The amendments introduce fixed timelines for the delayed application of certain high-risk AI requirements, alongside a shorter implementation period for transparency measures relating to AI-generated content.

[Read our article](#) to learn more about the proposed changes, with insights from our AI Sector Lead on what this means for organisations and what to do next.

Dutch DPA to carry out preventative checks on ICT suppliers

The Dutch data protection authority, Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens (AP), has announced it will carry out preventative checks on ICT suppliers to strengthen security and reduce the risk of cyberattacks and data breaches.

The checks will focus on how suppliers have implemented technical and organisational security measures, with the AP providing guidance to help organisations address any identified gaps.

For organisations relying on third-party providers, the move highlights the importance of effective vendor due diligence and ensuring the appropriate safeguards are in place.

[Read our blog](#) for 5 practical steps on vendor due diligence.

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CANADA & UNITED STATES

Medtronic investigates data breach following cyberattack

It's alleged that more than 9 million records containing personal information were exfiltrated, along with large volumes of internal corporate data. Medtronic is continuing to investigate the scope of the incident, which affected its corporate IT systems. The company stated that there has been no impact on products, patient safety, or operations.

The incident adds to a growing number of cyberattacks targeting Healthcare and MedTech organisations, where large volumes of sensitive data are held across complex systems and supply chains. It reinforces the importance of robust security controls and incident response planning, particularly where organisations support clinical research or patient services.

[Read our blog](#) to discover tips for an effective beach response.

OPC issues guidance on age screening for online services

On 4 May 2026, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada published new guidance on age screening for websites, online services, and system developers.

The guidance sets out when age screening measures may be appropriate, recommending a risk-based approach based on the nature of the service and the potential impact on children's privacy.

It also outlines Privacy by Design expectations for developers, including limiting secondary use of personal data and ensuring intermediate data collected during age checks is deleted.

The guidance reflects growing regulatory focus on protecting children online whilst minimising unnecessary data collection.

[Read the OPC guidance](#)

INTERNATIONAL

New Zealand introduces new transparency requirement for indirectly collected data

On 1 May 2026, New Zealand's Information Privacy Principle 3A (IPP 3A) came into force, requiring organisations to inform individuals when their personal information is collected indirectly.

The requirement applies broadly to all agencies under the Privacy Act 2020 and covers personal data obtained from any third-party source. It strengthens transparency obligations by ensuring individuals are made aware of how their information is obtained and used.

Limited exceptions apply, including where the information is already publicly available or where the individual has already been informed by the original collecting organisation.

[Learn more about IPP 3A's notification requirements](#)



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