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The DPIA 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.

AI credit scoring and GDPR compliance: What organisations need to know

AI offers organisations new ways to assess creditworthiness, but its use also introduces data protection risks.

Our latest blog explains what businesses need to know about GDPR requirements for AI credit scoring, including the differences between UK and EU rules and the safeguards to consider.

Read our blog



UNITED KINGDOM

UK regulators issue joint statement on AI agent risks

The Digital Regulation Cooperation Forum (DRCF) – comprising the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the Information Commission, and Ofcom – has published a **joint statement** on protecting consumers and businesses as the adoption of AI agents increases.

The regulators warn that greater autonomy could amplify risks, including misuse of personal data, fraud, and misleading information.

Organisations developing or deploying AI agents must ensure users understand how their data is used, what actions agents can take on their behalf, and who is accountable when something goes wrong.

Read our blog for key governance considerations when using AI agents.

Information Commission updates special category data guidance

Reflecting changes introduced by the Data Use and Access Act (DUAA), the revisions clarify the conditions and safeguards required when processing sensitive personal data. This includes restrictions on significant automated decisions involving special category data.

Organisations should review their existing processing activities to ensure they have an appropriate lawful basis, meet the relevant special category processing conditions, and maintain adequate safeguards.

Read the updated guidance



EUROPEAN UNION

European Commission consults on EHDS data access templates

The European Commission is seeking feedback on proposed templates to support the secondary use of electronic health data under the European Health Data Space (EHDS).

The proposals aim to standardise how organisations request and obtain access to health data for purposes such as scientific research and innovation, whilst supporting transparency and appropriate safeguards.

Organisations involved in health research, particularly Pharma and MedTech companies, are encouraged to review the proposals and submit feedback before 13 November 2026.

View the consultation

EDPS calls for stronger safeguards in EU-US border data sharing

On 29 October 2026, the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) adopted an Opinion on a proposed EU-US agreement to exchange travellers' personal data for border checks, visa applications, and travel authorisations.

The EDPS recommends safeguards to ensure that data sharing is necessary and proportionate, including:

- Limiting exchanges to relevant and necessary information
- Establishing clear criteria for when an individual's data can be requested
- Ensuring transparency around onwards data sharing
- Providing effective independent oversight and access to legal redress

The Opinion highlights the importance of clear limitations, accountability, and enforceable safeguards when sharing sensitive personal data internationally, particularly where government authorities are involved.

Read the EDPS Opinion

Dutch DPA publishes enforcement policy to improve transparency

Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens (AP) hopes the policy will provide organisations with greater clarity on how it handles potential breaches of data protection law. The document outlines the factors influencing the AP's choice of enforcement measures, how proceedings are conducted, and its cooperation with other supervisory authorities.

The policy confirms that enforcement decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, with measures intended to be effective, proportionate, and dissuasive. It also clarifies that identifying a violation does not automatically result in a fine.

Download the enforcement policy



UNITED STATES & CANADA

New York passes legislation governing AI companions

The law restricts AI companion features considered unsafe for minors, including systems that encourage emotional dependency, simulate personal relationships, or promote harmful behaviour.

From 1 June 2027, operators of covered AI companions must:

- Use appropriate age-assurance methods before allowing access to restricted features
- Minimise data retention, deleting information collected for age-assurance immediately after an attempt unless legally required to retain it
- Provide an alternative to government-issued identification

Organisations offering AI companions to users in New York should review their age-assurance processes, data handling practices, and safeguards for younger users ahead of implementation.

Read the legislation

Canadian privacy regulator calls for greater AI transparency

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has published its response to a government consultation on improving transparency in artificial intelligence (AI).

The OPC emphasises that simply making information available is insufficient. Organisations should ensure individuals can understand:

- When AI is collecting or using their personal data
- How it may influence decisions affecting them
- What options are available to challenge those decisions

The recommendations highlight the importance of communicating AI-related information clearly and accessibly.

Read our blog for guidance on updating your privacy notices for AI.

INTERNATIONAL

Saudi Arabia opens data protection registration to foreign organisations

The Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority (SDAIA) has updated its National Data Governance Platform to enable organisations based outside Saudi Arabia to register under the Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL).

Non-Saudi organisations processing personal data of individuals residing in Saudi Arabia should assess whether the PDPL applies to them and whether they meet the registration requirements.

Access the **user guide** and **registration platform**



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