



Information Commissioner's Office
Promoting public access to official information
and protecting your personal information

Conference Programme

Data Protection Officer Conference 2008 Monday, 10 March 2008

- 9.45 – 10.15am Registration
- 10.15 – 10.30am **Welcome** (*Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner*)
- 10.30 – 10.50am **Opening remarks and launch of the Data Protection Strategy** (*David Smith, Deputy Commissioner*)
- 10.50 – 11.30am **Data Protection Challenges: Two Perspectives**
Public sector speaker (Kathy Ford, Head of Corporate Information Management Department, Avon and Somerset Police)
Private sector speaker (Amanda Chandler, Data Protection and Business Continuity Manager, Vodafone)

Representatives from the public and private sector will give their perspectives on the key challenges for data protection officers, and how they each influence their organisations to meet the challenges.

- 11.30 – 11.45am **Tea or coffee**
- 11.45 – 12.35pm **Workshop Session 1 – Security**

Data Protection and Information Security

Security is a key factor when protecting individual's personal information. How do data protection officers encourage organisations to adopt appropriate security measures when working with personal information? This session will focus on discussing the biggest challenges and sharing ideas on how to meet these challenges in practice.

- 12.35 – 1.00pm **Key feedback from groups**
Q&A to panel

- 1.00 – 2.00pm** **Lunch**
- 2.00 – 2.10pm** **Welcome back (*Phil Jones, Assistant Commissioner*)**
- 2.10 – 2.45pm** **The Challenges Ahead for Data Protection
(*Michael Wills MP, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice*)**

Our keynote speaker is the Minister of State for the Ministry of Justice whose remit includes data protection. He will address the future of information security, key challenges ahead and the role that data protection officers play within this.

- 2.45 – 3.00pm** **Tea or coffee**
- 3.00 – 3.50pm** **Workshop Session 2 – Transparency**

Using Fair Processing Effectively

Fair processing ensures there is transparency in how personal information is being used. This session will be an opportunity to share experiences of how fair processing works across different organisations. Specifically, what are the benefits and how can we improve fair processing in practice.

- 3.50 – 4.15pm** **Key feedback from groups
Q&A to panel**
- 4.15 – 4.30pm** **Close and final thoughts (*Phil Jones, Assistant Commissioner*)**
- 4.30 – 6.30pm** **Drinks reception and canapés**

Speaker biographies

- **ICO speakers**

Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner

Richard Thomas has been the Information Commissioner since November 2002. His term of office has been extended until June 2009. He is appointed by HM Queen and has independent status, reporting directly to Parliament, with a range of responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and related laws. The functions of the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) include promoting good practice, ruling on complaints and taking regulatory action.

Richard's previous career has included:

- Director of Public Policy at Clifford Chance;
- Director of Consumer Affairs at the Office of Fair Trading;
- Head of Public Affairs and Legal Officer at the National Consumer Council;
- Solicitor with the Citizens Advice Bureau Service and Freshfields.

He has also previously held various public appointments, including membership of the Lord Chancellor's Civil Justice Review Advisory Committee and the Board of the Financial Ombudsman Service. Richard has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Southampton and is a visiting Professor at the University of Northumbria. He has been married to Julia since 1974 and they have three adult children.

David Smith, Deputy Commissioner

David Smith is the Deputy Commissioner with responsibility for the Data Protection supervisory functions of the Information Commissioner's Office based in Wilmslow, Cheshire. As well as providing Data Protection leadership across the Information Commissioner's Office, David has direct responsibility for oversight of its Data Protection Practice and Development Divisions, its Regulatory Action Division, and the Scotland Office based in Edinburgh. He is a member of both the Commissioner's Management Board and of the Executive Team.

The international aspects of David's work involve him in representing the UK on the Article 29 Working Party of European Supervisory Authorities set up under the Data Protection Directive. In addition he is currently the Chairman of the data protection supervisory body for Europol.

Phil Jones, Assistant Commissioner, Director of Data Protection Practice

Phil Jones, Assistant Commissioner, is head of Data Protection Practice. He and his team are charged with providing advice and guidance to organisations in both the Private and Public Sector on the application of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulation 2003. Before joining the then Data Protection Registrar's office in 1990 Phil worked for VSO as a Field Director in Nigeria, the Pacific and Sri Lanka. Before that Phil was a Further Education Lecturer in Nottinghamshire.

- **External speakers**

Kathy Ford, Head of Corporate Information Management Department, Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Kathy Ford is the Head of Corporate Information Management Department for Avon and Somerset Constabulary, where she has been the Force Data Protection Officer since 1992. She currently sits on a number of National ACPO Committees, including the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Portfolio Group, Disclosure Development and Compliance Group, PNC Information Access Panel and the Disclosure Strategic Working Group. In addition to her 'day job', Kathy is currently engaged on a project to identify ACPO agreed Information Sharing Protocols and Memoranda of Understanding, in order to provide advice on any review necessary to ensure the lawful processing of information.

Amanda Chandler, Data Protection and Business Continuity Manager, Vodafone

Amanda joined Vodafone Limited in June 2003 to take up the position of Data Protection Manager for the UK operating company. In her role she is responsible for ensuring that Vodafone Limited's processing of employee and customer related data complies with the requirements of all applicable data protection law and supplementary privacy regulation, particularly the network data that are generated as Vodafone customers make calls and send text messages. Before joining Vodafone Limited, Amanda was employed by DoubleClick International for two and half years as their European Director of Data Protection. Of particular privacy interest in this role was the application of European law to the use of cookies and other online ad serving techniques. Prior to her role at DoubleClick International, Amanda was a compliance manager with the Office of the Information Commissioner with specific policy responsibility for the law enforcement and criminal justice sector.

Michael Wills MP, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice

Michael Wills is the Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice with responsibility for Data Protection and Data Sharing, as well as the wider Freedom of Information Policy.

As well as his policy responsibilities for data protection and data sharing, Michael has responsibility for a wide range of issues including the Governance of Britain programme and Constitutional renewal, the British Statement of Values, Human Rights, Electoral Modernisation (e-voting, modernisation strategy, voting systems), Devolution & Crown Dependencies, Land Registry and The National Archives.

Michael has been the MP for North Swindon since 1997.