



**Information Commissioner's Office**  
Promoting public access to official information  
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## **Press Release**

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### **ICO appoints new Assistant Commissioner for Northern Ireland**

Aubrey McCrory has been appointed to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in Northern Ireland.

Aubrey will lead the ICO's Belfast office, developing links with central and local government as well as representative groups. He will have responsibility for engaging regularly with organisations and public authorities across Northern Ireland to raise awareness of the role and functions of the ICO in Northern Ireland, resolving freedom of information complaints and advising on data protection issues in the private, public and community and voluntary sectors.

Previously, Aubrey has worked in improvement and regulatory roles covering central and local government, and private sector consultancy. Before joining the ICO, he was Deputy Director of the Section 75 Statutory Duty Team at the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, with specific responsibility for the statutory equality duties. The role involved managing aspects of the Commission's work regarding equality schemes, policy formulation and complaint handling.

Assistant Commissioner, Aubrey McCrory, said: "Joining the ICO will bring many challenges and I look forward to ensuring the interests of individuals, organisations and public authorities throughout Northern Ireland are considered in the development of ICO policy and guidance. The ICO has an important role to play, promoting the importance of complying with the Data Protection Act for all organisations and raising awareness of the Freedom of Information Act among

public authorities and the public. I look forward to working with my new colleagues and others to promote public access to official information and to protect personal information.”

Deputy Information Commissioner, Graham Smith, said: “We are delighted Aubrey has joined the ICO. Both his private and public sector background will further strengthen our team. This is an exciting opportunity for Aubrey to lead the ICO in Northern Ireland, educating, influencing, resolving problems and taking action where information rights and obligations are ignored.”

## **ENDS**

If you need more information, please contact the Information Commissioner’s press office on 020 7025 7580.

### **Notes to Editors**

1. The Information Commissioner promotes public access to official information and protects personal information. The ICO is an independent body with specific responsibilities set out in the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003.
2. For more information about the Information Commissioner’s Office subscribe to our e-newsletter at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)