



GLOBAL PRIVACY NEWS
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The DPOIA 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.

Clinical trials part 4: Practical approaches to DPIAs

Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) are a legal requirement for clinical trials, but sponsors often struggle to apply them effectively within the broader privacy framework. When DPIAs are completed too late, trials can experience delays, gaps in documentation, and increased scrutiny from regulators and ethics committees.

Our latest blog explores how to approach DPIAs more effectively in clinical trials, from embedding them early in protocol design to maintaining them throughout the trial lifecycle.

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CLINICAL TRIALS PART 4:
PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO DPIAS

CANADA & UNITED STATES

US introduces bills to establish national data privacy framework

The SECURE Data Act and the GUARD Financial Data Act proposals are designed to replace the current patchwork of state laws with a unified framework. The bills set out rules for how Technology and Financial Services companies collect, use, and limit the use of personal data.

They also introduce new consumer rights, including the ability to access, correct, and delete personal data, as well as opt out of targeted advertising and the sale of personal information.

If adopted, the legislation would represent a significant shift toward federal oversight of data privacy in the US.

[Learn more about both bills](#)

British Columbia OIPC publishes privacy breach guide for SMEs

On 21 April 2026, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia (OIPC) published a new privacy breach guide aimed at small and medium-sized businesses.

The guidance outlines a structured approach to managing breaches, covering four key stages: containment, risk assessment, notification, and prevention. It also signposts additional resources to help organisations strengthen their breach response processes.

The guide reinforces the importance of having clear procedures in place to respond to incidents quickly and effectively.

[Read the OIPC's guide](#)

Rhode Island bill proposes patient notification requirements for AI use

House Bill 7538 will require healthcare providers to inform patients when artificial intelligence is used in their care, particularly where AI is used to document or support clinical interactions. The proposal reflects a growing focus on transparency, ensuring patients are aware when automated technologies are involved in processing their information.

If adopted, the bill would reinforce the need for clear and accessible privacy information, particularly where AI forms part of patient interactions or data processing.

[Read our blog](#) for practical tips on updating your Privacy Notice to reflect AI-driven processing.

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ARA publishes recognised standards archiving under DUAA

The Archives & Records Association (ARA) has published Generally Recognised Standards for Archiving in the Public Interest. The document was developed in response to new legislative requirements under the UK's Data Use and Access Act (DUAA).

Developed alongside other sector bodies, the standards aim to provide a consistent framework for how archives handle personal data, supporting lawful processing, long-term preservation, and public interest use.

Organisations transferring personal data to archives should ensure that appropriate standards are in place to meet these requirements.

[Read the standards](#)

EUROPEAN UNION

EDPB approves Europrivacy as a GDPR tool for international data transfers

On 15 April 2026, the European Data Protection Board adopted Opinions 14/2026 and 15/2026, approving updated Europrivacy certification criteria under the General Data Protection Regulation.

Opinion 14/2026 confirms Europrivacy as a European Data Protection Seal under Article 42(5), enabling organisations, including non-EU controllers and processors, to demonstrate compliance against defined GDPR criteria.

Opinion 15/2026 extends the framework to international data transfers under Article 46, allowing certification to be used as part of the appropriate safeguards where binding and enforceable commitments are in place. It does not replace Standard Contractual Clauses, but offers an additional option for compliant cross-border transfers, especially for organisations working with non-EU vendors.

[Find out more about Europrivacy.](#)

Italian DPA sets deadline for compliance on email tracking pixels

The Italian Data Protection Authority (Garante) has issued guidance on the use of tracking pixels in emails, introducing a six-month deadline for organisations to bring their practices into compliance.

The guidance follows a similar approach to recent CNIL updates, clarifying that tracking technologies used to monitor email engagement may require consent, with only limited exemptions in specific cases.

The move reflects growing regulatory scrutiny of tracking tools in direct marketing, particularly where individuals may not be fully aware of how their behaviour is monitored.

Organisations using email tracking technologies should review their practices and ensure they meet the new requirements within the specified timeframe.

[Read the Garante guidance](#)

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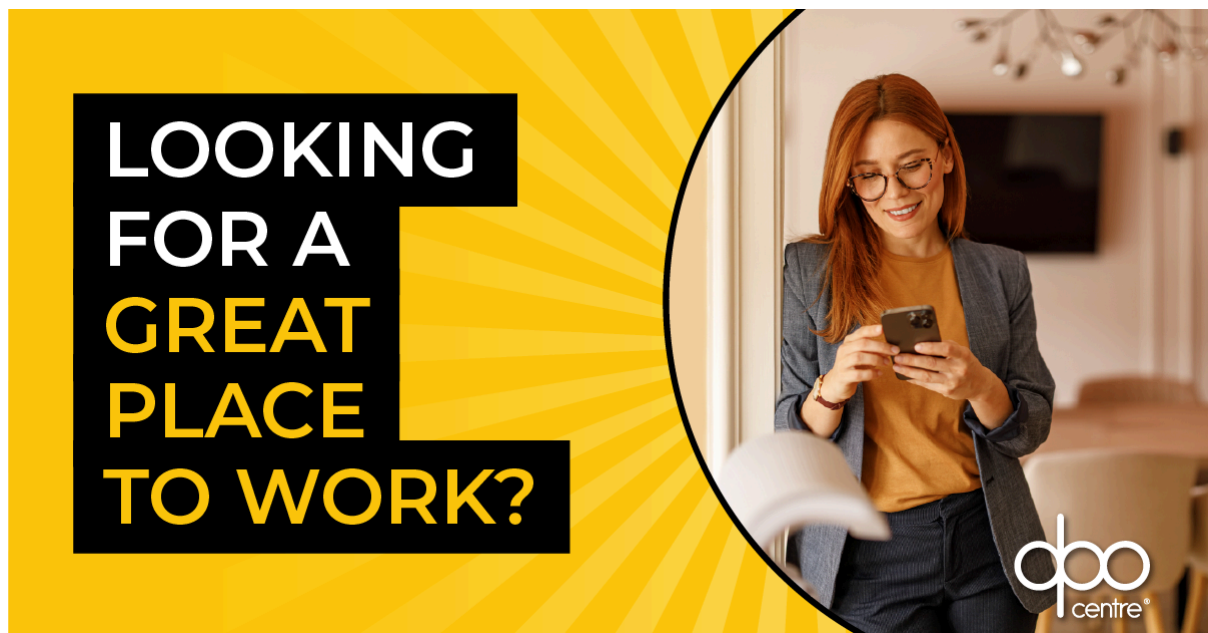
INTERNATIONAL

South Korea survey highlights low awareness of data subject rights

On 17 April 2026, South Korea's Personal Information Protection Commission (PIPC) published the results of its [2025 Personal Information Protection and Utilization Survey](#). The findings show that only 37.4% of adults and 38.5% of youth are aware of their rights, with more than 60% of individuals unaware of how to exercise these rights.

The results highlight the importance of clear processes and communication when handling data subject requests. Organisations should ensure individuals can easily understand and exercise their rights, and that requests are managed efficiently and in line with regulatory requirements.

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