



GLOBAL PRIVACY NEWS  
FROM THE DPO CENTRE



**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.

## Data Protection vs Legal Representatives in EU and UK clinical trials

Clinical trial sponsors operating across the EU and UK may need to appoint several different representatives, but understanding which roles are required can be complex. Data Protection Representatives and clinical trial Legal Representatives fulfil separate legal requirements and should not be treated as interchangeable.

Our latest blog explains the difference between these roles, when sponsors may need to appoint them, and what to consider when planning representation for clinical trials across the EU and UK.

[Read our blog](#)



UNITED STATES & CANADA

## CalPrivacy brings first CCPA action against data broker

LocateSmarter LLC was ordered to pay \$116,490 and change its practices after it failed to register by the required deadline and unlawfully required consumers to provide partial Social Security numbers to exercise their opt-out rights.

The decision reinforces CalPrivacy's previous guidance that data minimisation applies when handling consumer rights requests. Organisations should consider what information is genuinely necessary to fulfil or verify a request and avoid collecting additional personal data without justification.

[Read CalPrivacy's guidance on data minimisation](#)

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## **Canadian OPC calls for stronger safeguards in open banking rules**

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has recommended stronger privacy protections in proposed Consumer-Driven Banking Regulations, which would allow consumers to direct participating organisations to securely share their financial data.

Whilst supporting the proposed framework, the OPC has called for greater clarity about the personal data covered and stronger requirements to ensure security safeguards reflect the sensitivity of the information being processed. It also recommends tighter controls around publicly available data and greater coordination between regulators.

The recommendations highlight the importance of building privacy protections into data-sharing frameworks from the outset, particularly where highly sensitive financial information is involved.

[Learn more about the OPC's recommendations](#)

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## **Study raises privacy concerns over workplace monitoring tools**

A [Columbia Law School](#) study of nine workplace monitoring platforms found that all shared identifying worker data with third parties, including companies such as Facebook, Google, and Microsoft. The platforms also transmitted information about workers' online activities to third-party domains. Researchers found that these practices were not always clearly disclosed, raising concerns about whether workers understand how their personal data is being shared.

Organisations using monitoring technologies should understand how providers process and share employee data, ensure workers receive appropriate information, and assess whether monitoring practices are necessary and proportionate.

[Watch our webinar](#) to explore the boundaries of employee monitoring in today's workplace.

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## UNITED KINGDOM

### NHS England publishes DSPT version 9

On 4 September 2026, NHS England released version 9 of the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) for 2026/27.

Key changes include alignment of the Category 1 CAF DSPT with version 4 of the NCSC's Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF), and two new sub-categories for CQC Market Oversight providers and Local Authorities. These largely follow Category 3 requirements, with additional questions relating to the NCSC's CAF assessment.

'IT Suppliers' have also been renamed 'Suppliers', reflecting that Category 2 covers providers of goods and services beyond traditional IT.

Organisations should review the updated requirements and change log ahead of the 30 June 2027 submission deadline.

[Download the change log](#)

## EUROPEAN UNION

### Irish DPC fines HSE €645K over storage and retention of medical records

Ireland's Data Protection Commission (DPC) found that Health Service Executive (HSE) records had been stored insecurely in unsuitable facilities, with some retained for longer than necessary. The HSE has been ordered to audit its storage facilities, securely destroy records that are no longer required, and introduce processes to regularly assess compliance with its retention policies.

The decision highlights the importance of ensuring historic records are not overlooked when applying retention policies. Organisations should understand what information they hold, including older paper archives, and securely dispose of records that are no longer necessary.

[Read our blog](#) to learn how to apply the GDPR to historic records.

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## Cyprus launches CCTV compliance audits

Cyprus' Data Protection Commissioner has launched on-site audits of catering and entertainment businesses to assess whether their use of CCTV complies with the GDPR. The audits will examine how surveillance systems are installed and used, including the positioning of cameras and the areas being monitored. Businesses are reminded that CCTV should only be used where necessary and proportionate and should not monitor areas where individuals have a greater expectation of privacy.

Organisations using CCTV should regularly review their surveillance practices to ensure they remain necessary, proportionate, and appropriately documented.

[Read our blog](#) to learn what organisations commonly get wrong when using CCTV.

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Australia consults on next stage of privacy reforms

The Australian Government has opened consultation on draft legislation proposing significant changes to the Privacy Act 1988.

The reforms include, but are not limited to:

- A new 'fair and reasonable' test for collecting, using and disclosing personal information

- Strengthened consent and data minimisation requirements
- Updated definitions of personal and sensitive information
- A new right to request erasure from large digital platforms

Organisations subject to the Privacy Act should review the proposals and consider how they could affect existing data handling practices. The consultation closes on 18 September 2026.

[Explore the proposed reforms](#)



## We are recruiting!

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