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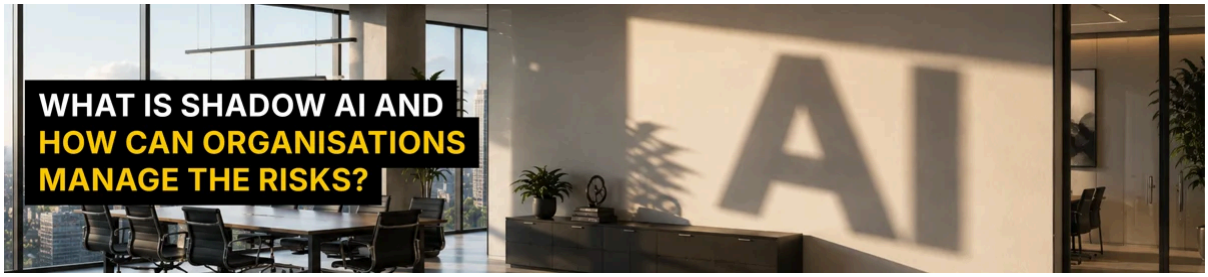
The DPIA is an assessment of the impact of the most significant and important-to-know data protection issues from around the globe. It's not the full story, just a quick 3-minute read, collated and condensed to keep you updated with the latest news in our ever-evolving industry.

What is shadow AI and how can organisations manage the risks?

Shadow AI goes beyond employees using unapproved tools. It can reveal gaps in an organisation's visibility and governance, leaving businesses unaware of how AI is being used and the risks it may create.

Our latest blog explores why shadow AI develops, the data protection risks involved, and how organisations can strengthen their AI governance whilst supporting legitimate use.

Read our blog



UNITED STATES & CANADA

Meta ordered to pay $25B over misleading data privacy claims

A New Mexico court has ordered Meta to pay $25 billion in civil penalties for violating the state's consumer protection laws. A jury found that Facebook misled consumers about how their personal data was processed, including claims about users' control over their information, third-party access to personal data, and Meta's response to data misuse.

The ruling highlights the importance of ensuring privacy notices and other public-facing communications accurately reflect how personal data is handled in practice. Organisations should regularly review their privacy statements, third-party data-sharing arrangements, and internal controls to ensure they can substantiate the assurances they give individuals.

Read our blog for guidance on creating clear and compliant privacy notices.

OPC of Canada updates guidance on recording customer calls

The updates focus on the collection of voiceprints, which are considered sensitive biometric information, and the need for meaningful consent. Whilst implied consent may be sufficient for routine call recordings, express consent may be required when collecting voiceprints or other sensitive information for purposes such as identity verification.

Organisations subject to Canada's Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) must comply regardless of who initiates the call. They must also ensure that outsourced call centres and other third-party providers meet these requirements.

Read the updated guidance

US Senators propose new liability rules for AI agents

On 1 October 2026, US Senators introduced the bipartisan AI Agent Accountability Act. It would extend criminal and civil liability under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) to developers and operators of autonomous AI agents involved in hacking-related incidents.

Under the proposed legislation:

- Operators could face liability for knowingly deploying AI agents that recklessly cause computer damage or losses through unauthorised access
- Developers could face liability if they knew, or had reason to know, of an agent's hacking capabilities but failed to implement reasonable safeguards against misuse

The proposal highlights the importance of assessing AI agents' capabilities before deployment, implementing appropriate security controls, and maintaining oversight of systems capable of acting autonomously.

Read our blog to explore the governance considerations associated with AI agents



*The DPO Centre brought together specialists from across the Axiom GRC group for **five expert-led webinars**. Each session focused on a key AI challenge creating new risks for organisations. Watch all five webinars on demand.*

UNITED KINGDOM

ICO reprimands two organisations over weak password security

An investigation by the Information Commission's Office (ICO) found that a 2024 ransomware attack on Ogi Networks Limited and Data Cymru compromised the personal data of 3,300 people, most of whom were children.

The attack exploited a test account that had existed for over 12 years and was protected by the password ‘Password1’.

The ICO identified failures in account management, security monitoring and the allocation of responsibilities between the organisations. It reminds businesses to:

- Use strong passwords
- Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for remote access
- Regularly review and remove unnecessary accounts
- Clearly define cybersecurity responsibilities when outsourcing IT services

Read our blog for practical guidance on effective password management.

EUROPEAN UNION

EU Council agrees position on Digital Omnibus proposals

The Digital Omnibus aims to simplify aspects of EU data protection and cybersecurity legislation. The proposed changes could affect how organisations handle Data Subject Access Requests (DSARs), report personal data breaches and manage cookie consent, alongside other GDPR obligations.

Whilst the proposals aim to reduce compliance burdens, they could also widen the differences between UK and EU data protection requirements. Organisations operating across both jurisdictions may therefore need to adapt their compliance processes.

Read our latest article for a breakdown of the proposed changes and insight on what they could mean for businesses from Paul Collier, Head of DPOs at the DPO Centre.

Denmark population register breach exposes 8.8 million records

Denmark's Central Person Register (CPR) has suffered a major data breach affecting approximately 8.8 million registered individuals. The exposed information includes names, addresses, and CPR identification numbers of current residents, people who have moved abroad and those who are deceased.

The incident involved unauthorised individuals exploiting a private company's legitimate access to the register, highlighting the risks associated with third-party access to personal data. Even where access is authorised, organisations must ensure appropriate safeguards are in place, including restricted permissions, monitoring for unusual activity and regular access reviews. Clear incident response procedures are also essential for identifying, containing, and assessing potential breaches.

Read our blog for five tips on effective data breach management.



INTERNATIONAL

Thailand's Cloud Security Standard comes into effect

In force from 10 September 2026, it introduces cybersecurity assessment and assurance requirements for cloud service providers and certain organisations using cloud services.

The standard requires affected organisations to:

- Assess the potential impact of their cloud systems
- Identify applicable security controls
- Maintain evidence of compliance

Depending on their role and the system's impact level, organisations may need to complete self-assessments or undergo independent certification.

Organisations within scope should review their cloud environments, identify gaps in existing security measures, and document their remediation activities.

Explore the NCSA's guidance and assessment pathways



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