



GLOBAL PRIVACY NEWS  
FROM THE DPO CENTRE

**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.

## Live facial recognition deployment and data protection compliance

Live Facial Recognition (LFR) technology has many benefits for law enforcement, from improving accuracy to reducing crime. However, it also poses significant data protection and compliance challenges, particularly in ensuring transparency, safeguarding individuals' privacy rights, and maintaining public trust.

Our latest blog explores these challenges, providing essential strategies for a comprehensive data protection approach, along with expert advice from LFR specialist and DPO, Paul Collier.

[Live Facial Recognition deployment and data protection compliance](#)

## UNITED KINGDOM

### DSIT report reveals impact of cookie settings on privacy decisions

The UK's Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) have published a report evaluating how cookie setting options influence privacy decisions. The report found that most individuals chose to accept cookies, even when the default setting was to decline them. The design and presentation of cookie settings also greatly influences these decisions, with many users ignoring or accepting cookie banners for convenience.

The report highlights the importance of intuitive design in helping users manage their privacy preferences effectively. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) provides comprehensive guidance on the use of cookies and compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulation (PECR).

[Read the guidance here](#)

### HL Bill 27 passes first reading in House of Lords

On 9 September 2024, the Public Authority Algorithmic and Automated Decision-Making Systems Bill passed its first reading in the UK's House of Lords. The Bill aims to regulate the use of algorithmic and automated tools in decision-making processes in the public sector.

Under the Bill, public authorities will be required to:

- Conduct an Algorithmic Impact Assessment before deploying such systems
- Maintain an Algorithmic Transparency Record
- Provide clear and transparent information to affected individuals
- Implement processes to monitor the system's outcomes and validate the accuracy of the data used
- Regularly audit systems to identify and mitigate risks
- Adequately train employees on the design and operation of such systems

[Read Bill 27 here](#)

The banner is for a webinar titled "Privacy Puzzle" as part of the "Global Webinar Series" on 15 Oct 2024. The theme is "ON FACE VALUE: Understanding the privacy risks of live facial recognition (LFR)". It is Session 7/10. The speakers are Paul Collier, Steve Goodier, and Jade McCauley. Logos for dpo centre, REVEAL, and GO! SOUTHAMPTON are displayed. A "REGISTER NOW" button is present. Time slots are listed for EDT, BST, and CEST.

## EUROPEAN UNION

### Ireland's DPC launches investigation into Google's AI model

Ireland's Data Protection Commission (DPC) has launched an investigation into Google's Pathway Language Model 2 (PaLM2). They aim to determine whether Google complied with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) by conducting a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) before processing the personal data of EU citizens.

DPIAs are critical for ensuring individual's rights and freedoms are protected through high-risk processing. Read our blog, [What is a DPIA?](#), for information on when an assessment is needed, best practices, and how to apply evaluations effectively.

[Read our blog here](#)

### AEPD advises against the use of digital devices in schools

The Spanish Data Protection Authority (AEPD) has advised against the use of mobile digital devices in schools, if the educational purpose can be achieved through other

means. Their advice was published on 17 September 2024, along with guidelines for schools and educational authorities.

The guidelines analyse how the use of digital devices for educational purposes can generate data processing that seriously affects students' rights and freedoms. The AEPD emphasised that such use must be sustainable, necessary, and proportionate to comply with the GDPR and that schools could be liable should violations occur.

[Find the AEPD guidance here](#)



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## NORTH AMERICA

### Settlement reached in healthcare generative AI investigation

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has reached a first-of-its-kind settlement with *Pieces Together*, a Dallas-based artificial intelligence healthcare technology company. The settlement addresses allegations that the company made false and misleading statements about its generative AI products, which summarise patient health data and were deployed to several hospitals.

The case highlights the importance of transparency and accuracy in AI products, particularly in high-risk settings like healthcare. Attorney General Paxton stressed the importance for healthcare organisations to evaluate the suitability of AI products and ensure their staff receive proper training.

[Read the press release here](#)

### CISA and FBI publish Secure by Design Alert to eliminate XSS vulnerabilities

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have published a Secure by Design Alert. The Alert focuses on eliminating cross-site

scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities, which allow threat actors to deploy malicious scripts into web applications and steal or misuse data.

The rise in sophisticated hacking techniques and data theft incidents has compelled businesses to confront increasingly complex threats to their data. This has necessitated proactive measures, like the Secure by Design Alert, to bolster cybersecurity defences. The Alert urges technology manufacturers to:

- Review past instances of XSS defects
- Create strategic plans to prevent future vulnerabilities
- Use modern web frameworks that offer functions for output encoding
- Conduct comprehensive code reviews
- Implement aggressive adversarial product testing

[Read the Secure by Design Alert here](#)

## INTERNATIONAL

### OAIC welcomes reforms to Privacy Act 1988

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) has welcomed reforms to the Privacy Act 1988, through the Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. The Bill aims to significantly strengthen Australian privacy laws and be adaptable to technological advancements.

Key aspects of the Bill include:

- Greater enforcement powers for the OAIC, alongside civil penalties for privacy breaches
- Development of the Children’s Online Privacy Code to enhance privacy protections for children in online environments
- Requirement for transparency around automated decision-making in company privacy policies
- Statutory tort for serious invasions of privacy
- Criminalisation of doxxing (releasing personal data without consent)

[Learn more about the Bill here](#)

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