

UK

ICO Launches Privacy Seal Consultation

The ICO has launched a consultation on a privacy seal scheme. The ICO has stated that the aim of the privacy seal scheme is to act as a “stamp of approval” highlighting an organisation’s commitment to maintaining good privacy standards. The ICO will be inviting proposals for a privacy seal scheme, which is to be operated by an independent third party, later this year. The consultation has been launched to allow organisations to provide their views on the framework criteria against which proposals for schemes will be assessed. This will inform the final version of the framework criteria, which will be published with the invitation for proposals.

[Consultation: ICO privacy seals project – draft framework criteria](#)

ICO Publishes New Data Protection Guidance for the Media

Following a consultation, the ICO published its new data protection guidance for the media on 4 September 2014. The ICO has stated that the guidance provides a practical tool for all levels of the media and explains how the DPA applies to journalism. The guidance sets out the basic principles and obligations, advises on good practice, and clarifies the exemption for journalism. It also explains what happens when someone complains, and the role and powers of the ICO.

[Data protection and journalism: a guide for the media](#)

ICO Published Survey on Data Sharing Code of Practice

The ICO published a data sharing code of practice in May 2011. It has now published a survey which aims to find out how the code is being used and whether organisations are finding it beneficial in understanding their data protection and freedom of information obligations. The survey will be open until 5 October 2014.

[Data sharing code of practice survey](#)

Russia

Russian Telecom Regulator Investigates Websites Containing Publicly Accessible Personal Data on Children and Their Parents

Since May 2014 the Russian telecom regulator, Roskomnadzor, has been monitoring websites which it believes are illegally disseminating personal data of children and their parents, with public access to personal data. During the investigation, around 2,500 websites were found to be infringing the provisions of the Russian Federation Law on Personal Data. More than 800 warnings have been sent to educational institutions requiring the removal of data on children from their websites.

[Roskomnadzor press release](#)

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