

E-NEWSLETTER

Information Commissioner

E-Newsletter 01/23

GRA

GIBRALTAR REGULATORY
AUTHORITY

Welcome to the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority's ("GRA") **Q1 2023** e-newsletter. Our newsletters aim to provide you with the latest developments in relation to data protection matters and our work as the Information Commissioner, with statutory responsibility for the enforcement of data protection laws in Gibraltar. Where relevant, updates on our work regarding freedom of information are also provided.

AWARENESS EVENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

DATA PROTECTION DAY – A FOCUS ON SHARENTING

Data Protection Day is celebrated internationally every year on 28 January to commemorate the importance of privacy and data protection. To mark Data Protection Day 2023, the Information Commissioner was involved in the following initiatives:

- The Information Commissioner launched a public campaign (the "Campaign") to better understand and examine the prevalence of online information sharing by parents and/or guardians, a phenomenon that is termed "sharenting". Launched in October 2022, the Campaign included the publication of a fully anonymized, multiple-choice online survey; the issuance of a [dual infographic](#) and publication of an [awareness-raising audio-visual](#) which highlighted the pros and cons of the sharenting phenomenon. The Campaign concluded with a report which is available for download [here](#).
- Tying into the Campaign and further looking to promote the responsible processing of personal data, particularly on social networking sites, the Information Commissioner continued with his annual [Privacy Awareness School Campaign](#) in local schools, which concludes in April 2023.
- Other Data Protection Day initiatives included attendance by the GRA's Director of Information Rights at the Islands Data Governance Forum in Guernsey to discuss data protection matters, and presentations to the Young Enterprise Gibraltar participants and staff at the Gibraltar Youth Service. More on these below.

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

The Information Commissioner's office frequently uses social media to provide summarised data protection guidance. In this quarter, ad hoc information has been published in respect of Data Protection Day, International Events, and the upcoming Information Commissioner's Workshops.

The Information Commissioner may also at times develop specific social media campaigns that focus on a particular subject and run for a number of weeks. The most recent social media campaign provides guidance on the use of CCTV (click [here](#)).

All published social media campaigns are available in PDF format [here](#).

DATA PROTECTION GUIDANCE & ASSISTANCE

AWARENESS-RAISING AUDIOVISUALS

The Information Commissioner publishes additional guidance and information by way of awareness-raising audio-visuals. In this quarter, and as noted above, the Information Commissioner published material relating to [Data Protection in a World of Sharenting](#).

All published awareness-raising audio-visuals are available [here](#) or on the [GRA's YouTube Channel](#).

DATA PROTECTION PRESENTATIONS

As well as an opportunity for organisations to obtain support, workshops and presentations organised by the Information Commissioner's office provide the opportunity to obtain a better understanding of common issues/challenges faced by organisations and/or the wider community.

26 January 2023 – Presentations to the Young Enterprise and the Gibraltar Youth Service

The Information Commissioner's awareness-raising efforts to promote the responsible sharing of children's personal data by others included the delivery of presentations to the Young Enterprise Gibraltar participants and to members of staff at the Gibraltar Youth Service.



INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S WORKSHOPS

The Information Commissioner is preparing the next series of sessions to promote awareness amongst data controllers of their data protection obligations and to provide assistance as appropriate. The Information Commissioner's fifth workshop (the "Workshop") will, for the first time, include an additional, exclusive forum, to discuss cyber threats and cyber security in the context of data protection.

The Workshop helps to create synergies by facilitating collaboration between Data Protection Officers on topical issues and other stakeholders across business sectors.

The events are scheduled to take place on 24 and 25 May 2023 and all relevant information will shortly be uploaded on the [GRA website](#). Recipients of this e-newsletter will be notified of the official launch by end of week.

In the meantime, for further information about the Workshop, please contact us using dpworkshops@gra.gi.

INTERNATIONAL

26 - 27 JANUARY 2023 – ISLANDS DATA GOVERNANCE FORUM (IDGF) IN GUERNSEY

The forum aimed to bring together people who are passionate about Data Protection and Data Security. Events included a table-top incident response exercise and the launch of the IDGF awards.

The Director of Information Rights was involved in several panel discussions. The first panel discussion focused on the effective cooperation between data protection and cyber security experts, and built on the work carried out by the Information Commissioner's office on credential stuffing. The other panels, which also included the Information Commissioners from Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey and Bermuda, touched upon how global regulations fit together, and the importance of data ownership.

INVESTIGATIONS

The Information Commissioner conducts investigations relating to the application of data protection law in Gibraltar. Investigations may be instigated as a result of information obtained that raises compliance concerns, a complaint lodged with our office, or information/complaints referred by another data protection authority or other public body.

In Q1 of 2023, 10 new investigations were initiated, whilst 9 cases have been resolved/closed and 19 are ongoing.

DATA BREACH NOTIFICATIONS


Under Article 33 of the Gibraltar GDPR (or Section 76 of the DPA in respect of applicable law enforcement processing), there are certain incidents that organisations need to tell us about.

During Q1 2023, a total of 13 data breach notifications were received and subsequently investigated. 10 breach notification investigations have been closed during this quarter and 19 are ongoing.

 +350 200 74636

 privacy@gra.gi

 www.gra.gi

[@gibraltarregulatoryauthority](https://www.youtube.com/@gibraltarregulatoryauthority) 

www.facebook.com/GibraltarRegulatoryAuthority



[@GibRegAuthority](https://twitter.com/GibRegAuthority)



www.linkedin.com/company/gibraltar-regulatory-authority/



SHOULD YOU WISH TO UNSUBSCRIBE, PLEASE USE THE LINK PROVIDED IN THE BODY OF THE EMAIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED.