

## Westminster eForum policy conference:

### Next steps for data protection in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Clement-Jones**, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Science, Innovation and Technology
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for UK data protection**  
**Owen Rowland**, Deputy Director and Head, Data Protection Policy, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key considerations for protecting individual personal data rights**  
**Mariano delli Santi**, Legal and Policy Officer, Open Rights Group
- 9.40 **Stakeholder views on implementation of the *Data (Use and Access) Bill* - balancing efficiency, privacy, and compliance**  
*priorities for effective implementation | implications of amendments to proposed legislation put forward by the previous government, including the removal of plans to alter the Data Protection Officer role | assessing proposals in the Bill to reduce administrative bureaucracy in the NHS and police | meeting the needs of SMEs | potential impact of amendments to DSARs | smart data opportunities | implications of consent or pay models, including opportunities for businesses and impacts on individuals*  
**Dr Endrit Kromidha**, Vice President, Policy and Practice, Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Thomas Barrett**, Partner, CyXcel  
Senior representative, health  
Senior representative, policing
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lord Clement-Jones**, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Science, Innovation and Technology
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd**, former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales
- 10.40 **Assessing the new data landscape and commercial implications for data protection**  
**Chris Combemale**, Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Data and Marketing Association  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Key considerations for UK-EU data adequacy - opportunities for further co-operation**  
Senior representative, international  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Priorities for access to research data**  
Senior representative, research
- 11.40 **Strategies for future-proofing data - next steps for supporting innovation whilst safeguarding privacy**  
*balancing privacy with innovation | practical and legal considerations going forward | smart data opportunities | potential of automated decision-making | future of Digital Identity Verification | path for further investment*  
**Emma Thwaites**, Director, Corporate Affairs, Open Data Institute  
**James Cassidy**, Director, Data Protection, KPMG Law  
**Martin Kelly**, Senior Counsel, Open Banking Privacy, Mastercard  
**Gabriel Corbett**, CEO, Mealia
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The future of data protection regulation in the UK - next steps for implementation and enforcement**  
**Emily Keaney**, Deputy Commissioner, Regulatory Policy, Information Commissioner's Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**  
**Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd**, former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales  
**Thomas Howard**, Westminster eForum