

Westminster eForum policy conference:

Next steps for data protection in the UK

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 1st April 2025

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Agenda subject to change

- 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
- 9.35 **Key considerations for protecting individual personal data rights**
Mariano delli Santi, Legal and Policy Officer, Open Rights Group
- 9.45 **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
Detective Inspector Ben Hudson, National Detectives' Forum Chair, Police Federation of England and Wales
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Clement-Jones, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Science, Innovation and Technology
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales
- 10.55 **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
- 11.20 **'Is UK adequacy at risk? A political and legal analysis'**
Eduardo Ustaran, Partner, Hogan Lovells
- 11.30 **Priorities for access to research data**
Valentina Pavel, Senior Researcher, Ada Lovelace Institute
- 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, ICO priorities and driving economic growth'**
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