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Message from the Commissioner

I very much hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

2018 was an important year for data protection across Europe as well as for the Bailiwick and there is much we can be proud of in respect of legal and regulatory reform.



At the start of a new year we now turn our attention to ensuring momentum of the good work already in progress. Looking ahead towards May 2019 we will see the end of transitional relief provisions, and we will be publishing further information for local organisations in March.

Work continues to develop a fair and workable fee structure for regulated entities and we expect a political decision shortly. Although we are still a relatively small office, we understand that timely and relevant communications are important, and we're working hard at doing that well. Careful consideration has been given to our communications strategy including social media presence as we seek to ensure effective communication channels without compromising the high standards of data protection that we expect from others.

Our board met three times in 2018 and we plan quarterly meetings during this year. The wealth of

experience we have in our Chair and board members has allowed us to forge ahead with our own governance framework. Now fully independent from government, it is important for us to ensure the highest standards for ourselves which will enable us to work effectively and to ensure the community have trust and confidence in us doing so.

The workload for us in the coming year is considerable but as we start to reap the rewards of the work already done, my team and I are entirely committed to delivering effective, balanced and responsive regulation for the Bailiwick.

- Emma Martins
Data Protection Commissioner

New name for data protection regulator

As of 14 January 2019, The Office of the Data Protection Authority (ODPA) is the new name for the local data protection regulator. This replaces the previous name of The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner.

This re-naming formally recognises the legal body of the Data Protection Authority which was established in May 2018 and is defined in Part XI of The Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. The Data Protection Authority is made up of: a Chair, five voting members, and the Data Protection Commissioner is an *ex-officio* and non-voting member.

The Data Protection Authority delegates responsibility for most of the day-to-day regulatory activities to The Office of the Data Protection Authority which employs the Data Protection Commissioner, the Deputy Data Protection Commissioner and other staff.

The updated logo is:



Digital ACE

(Sat 2 February, 12:00 - 17:00, Beau Sejour)

We are one of the sponsors of this weekend's [Digital ACE](#) and we look forward to talking with local school children and their parents/carers/grandparents about [why we should all care about data protection](#). You can come along to our stand in the 'Empower' zone to meet our staff.

Please note that over 3,000 visitors are expected at the event so **please travel via foot/cycle/public transport if you can**, as Beau Sejour car park will likely be full.

Digital ACE, incorporating Safer Internet Day, is now in its fourth year and is all about providing both adults and children with an environment that can feed and support our aspirations, provide us with the inspiration and tools to create new things, and empower us all to learn, discover and be safe in our digital world.

DOWNLOAD: [Digital ACE flyer \(competition details\)](#)

31 January: Update on Brexit and data protection

Following events in the UK Parliament earlier this week, the States of Deliberation are due to consider a draft ordinance that would designate the UK as an authorised jurisdiction under our local data protection legislation. Building on the foresight of the drafting team behind the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017, this designation will mean that transfers of personal data to the UK by locally based organisations can continue after Brexit.



Read: [31 January: Update on Brexit and data protection](#)

Read: [Leaving the EU: the data protection implications of a Hard Brexit for UK businesses with EU data flows and clients](#)

We're recruiting

Case and Compliance Officer

Case and Compliance Officer (full-time, permanent position)

To apply: please send your CV and covering letter to hr@odpa.gg

Closing date: noon 27 February 2019

[More details and job description](#)



Data Protection Day (28 January)

To mark this year's Data Protection Day we [held a sold-out event for local data protection professionals](#). Over 40 people attended the informal lunchtime event which included:

- This [speech from Emma Martins](#)
- A panel discussion between Emma Martins, Callie Loveridge-Newey (Head of Data Protection, States of Guernsey), Richard Field (Partner, Appleby), Matthew Parker (Head of Information Security, Mourant) about the [role of the data protection officer](#).

If you missed the opportunity to attend, fear not, we are working hard to develop a programme of regular events (*see below*) that will give everyone the chance to come in and talk to us and find out more about data protection.



Data protection - it's all about you

Alongside the event for professionals working in data protection, we have also produced [this publication](#) outlining why everyone should care about data protection.

DOWNLOAD: [Why you should care about data protection](#)

Update on events programme development

We are making steady progress towards starting our public events programme. These events are a key aspect of our statutory obligation under section 61 of the Law to **raise public awareness of citizens' rights** and to **promote awareness of controllers/processors' legal duties**.

The programme will commence with a **public/industry-consultation session** where we will ask for attendees' feedback on our events programme's scope and format. We will also be detailing the sponsorship opportunity we will be offering to organisations to enable them to show support for our public awareness activities.

The topics we are prioritising include:

- What is data?
- Your rights
- End of transition (which falls on 25 May 2019)
- Data ethics and principles
- Data protection in the workplace

- Excellence and Innovation in data protection

Visits from organisations

We will shortly begin offering fortnightly **drop-in sessions** for organisations only, where no appointment is needed.

We are also working towards introducing a process for organisations to apply for '**study visits**' with us, whereby small groups of staff from a regulated organisation can request an appointment with us to explore a specific issue or topic.

Visits from members of the public

To ensure we have the relevant staff member available to assist you, all visitors are seen by appointment only.

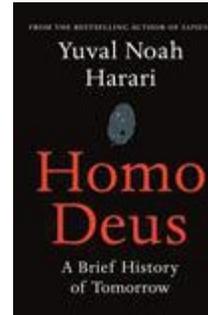
You can request an appointment with us by:

- Dropping in to our office between 08:30-17:00 (Mon-Fri)
- Emailing us on enquiries@odpa.gg
- Calling us on 01481 742074

Suggested reading:

'*Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow*' - Yuval Noah Harari

Professor Harari is a History Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a best-selling author. This book follows on from *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* which was an exploration of where humankind has come from (also highly recommended), showing us where we are heading.



Harari does not shy away from brutal discussions around the dangers humanity poses to itself but he does not do so as a pessimist; he does so in a profoundly honest and engaging manner. He takes the reader with him on an intellectually and emotionally challenging journey of awareness and reflection.

Things are moving at breakneck speed today, not least in the world of data, and he argues that 'our present situation is neither natural nor eternal'. Thus we are coaxed gently towards an irresistible optimism that it is not too late to 'change that world and create a much better one'. The modern world often encourages a sense of disenfranchisement in individuals, a sense that we hold no power and are thus unable to have any influence. Harari articulates beautifully how our future is not yet written but if we fail to reimagine a better future, we cannot hope to achieve it. This book goes to the very heart of what it is to be human in these extraordinary times.



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