

# Westminster Legal Policy Forum Keynote Seminar: Surveillance, data collection and vetting - implementing the Protection of Freedoms Bill and the next steps for privacy

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Venue: Central London

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Tom Brake MP**, Co-Chair, Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Policy Committee on Home Affairs, Justice and Equalities
- 9.05 - 9.15 **The Protection of Freedoms Bill - an outline**  
*An outline of the provisions made in the Freedoms Bill for data collection, surveillance, and vetting and barring.*  
**Francis Aldhouse**, Principal, Information Policy and Rights
- 9.15 - 10.05 **Biometric data collection and video surveillance**  
*Perspectives on provisions in the Protection of Freedoms Bill regarding the collection of biometric data and surveillance. How is biometric data currently used by the police and how effective is data collection in assisting in the prevention of crime? Are proposals in the Bill to limit the retention of biometric data likely to impact on police work and the wider public, and if so, how? Should the use of biometric data in schools be limited as suggested in the Bill and how is this provision likely to impact upon school staff and students? Will the proposed Surveillance Camera Code of Practice (SCCP) ensure proportionality in the use of CCTV and ANPR cameras, as intended by Government? In what ways should the Surveillance Camera Commissioner and the Information Commissioner's Office co-operate in regulating surveillance and how can overlaps be resolved? Should the SCCP be extended to include CCTV systems that are managed by Government Departments and private operators?*  
**Dr Simon Bramble**, Head of Police Science and Forensics, National Policing Improvement Agency  
**Dr Eric Metcalfe**, Director of Human Rights Policy, JUSTICE  
**Gordon Nardell QC**, Barrister, Thirty Nine Essex Street  
**Joan McVittie**, President Elect, Association of School and College Leaders and Headteacher, Woodside High School, Haringey  
Senior representative, **BSIA**  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Francis Aldhouse**, Principal, Information Policy and Rights
- 10.05 - 10.50 **Reforming the vetting and barring system**  
*Discussion of the key issues in scaling back the vetting and barring system, as proposed by Government. What possible effects will merging the Criminal Record Bureau and the Independent Safeguarding Authority have on the vetting and barring system? What impact will restricting the use of non-conviction information have on the barring system? What criteria should be used to filter old and minor conviction information from criminal records checks? How will the new system impact on volunteering and community organisations?*  
**Bobby Cummines**, Chief Executive, UNLOCK  
**Jan Cosgrove**, National Secretary, Fair Play for Children  
**Josie Appleton**, Director, Manifesto Club  
Senior representative, vetting and barring system  
Employer  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Tom Brake MP**, Co-Chair, Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Policy Committee on Home Affairs, Justice and Equalities
- 10.55 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Robert Buckland MP**, Member, Justice Select Committee
- 11.20 - 11.45 **The future challenges for data protection - the view from the Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Jonathan Bamford**, Head of Strategic Liaison, Information Commissioner's Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.35 **Beyond the Protection of Freedoms Bill - the next steps for privacy and data protection**  
*To what extent does the Protection of Freedoms Bill represent a first step in addressing privacy concerns? Which areas of information governance and privacy law require future development following the Bill's enactment? Would the proposed introduction of an overarching 'Privacy Commissioner' to replace the current five commissioners who cover this area be a more efficient way of safeguarding individuals' privacy? Would a revised European Union Data Protection Directive, enforcing the disclosure of data breaches to consumers help make companies more proactive about data protection and improve consumer confidence? Are proposals to make non-EU companies that hold data on consumers in the EU subject to the EU Data Protection Directive enforceable? What can companies do to lessen the risk of data leaks in coordination with proposed policy changes?*  
**Rachel Robinson**, Policy Officer, Liberty  
**Dr Chris Pounder**, Director, Amberhawk  
**Philip Virgo**, Secretary General, EURIM  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, human rights lawyer  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **The next steps for policy**  
Senior speaker to be announced  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Robert Buckland MP**, Member, Justice Select Committee  
**Sean Cudmore**, Senior Producer, Westminster Legal Policy Forum