

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**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 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 | future of consent or pay models, including opportunities for businesses and implications for individuals
Thomas Barrett, Partner, CyXcel
Senior representative, health
Senior representative, policing
Senior representative, SME
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 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
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, legal
- 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**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster eForum