

Data Sharing Review

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Consultation paper on the use and sharing of personal information in the public and private sector

List of questions for response

We would welcome responses to the following questions set out in this consultation paper. Please follow the question order as set out in the consultation paper, leaving a blank response box for any questions not answered.

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Thank you.

Section 1: Background

Question 1.

Comments: My interest is as a member of the public

Section 2: Scope of personal information sharing, including benefits, barriers and risks of data sharing and data protection

Question 2.

Comments: I do not see any justifiable reason for the sharing of data. The privacy of the individual is already vastly undermined, and the current legislation is already ineffectual.

Question 3.

Comments: Loss of privacy alone is sufficient justification for the prevention of such sharing.

Question 4.

Comments: The greatest risk is the loss or publication of private data. The proposed ID card system for example will be heavily reliant on biometric data. In the event of a security breach, it may be possible for your entry to be altered, thus the individual could suffer the greatest possible loss of ID. Effectively real ID theft!

Question 5.

Comments: Plans to force details onto the identity register, and the ID card system already exceed all rational and justifiable security needs. All they do is provide the frame work for a totalitarian police state with draconian powers. The freedom of the individual needs protecting, but not by giving up those freedoms!

Question 6.

Comments: Massive marketing databases of personal shoppers information, such as Tesco hold, are not justifiable and pose significant risks to privacy. Through the misuse of these data health implication could be made based on the purchasing habits, and these could again be misused.

Question 7.

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Section 3: The legal framework

Question 9.

Comments: Ineffectual, and open to abuse. The information commissioner is toothless, and incapable of policing such vast corporations. Data held by private and public bodies should be available to the people spied upon, with these people having the right to remove some or all of these data. The right of inspection and alteration should be free of charge. This should be regardless of the cost to the body concerned, as this would act as a deterrent to excessive data retention.

Question 10.

Comments: Both groups use it only when it suits their own purpose.

Question 11.

Comments: For the individual needing to pay to see the data kept.

Question 12.

Comments: Unlimited fines for violation of the code. Compensation systems for victims of ID theft or fraud. These should be personally targeted at the directors of private bodies, and the heads of public bodies as well as at the companies and authorities.

Question 13.

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Question 15.

Comments: Question is unreasonably worded, the companies desire the data, they should be prepared to pay regardless of the restrictions placed on them for its use. The placing of the burden should be onerous such that unnecessary data collection is discouraged.

Section 4: Consent and transparency

Question 16.

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Question 18.

Comments: Both public and private organisations should be required to obtain the consent for data sharing, and data retention. In addition these consents should be time limited. Effectively the permissions should be reobtained every year, and if removed/retracted, all data should be deleted.

Question 19.

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Section 5: Technology

Question 20.

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Question 21.

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Section 6: International comparisons

Question 23.

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Section 7: Additional questions

Question 27.

Comments: The planned child register, and the compulsory addition of a child's data to the identity register when a passport application is made should not be permitted. The permission for the state to take these data is obtained from the parent prior to the children being of such an age that they can choose for themselves whether to be "Tagged" or not. I personally will never replace my passport whilst the ID register is a requirement, neither will I travel to the USA again

whilst I'm required to be fingerprinted at point of entry. I object fundamentally to the ID card scheme, and will refuse to give my details to this new authority.

Question 28.

Comments: It is time for this group to clearly object to the ID card, Identity Database, Child register and all other attaches on our freedom. The state has begun a rapid walk towards a totalitarian police state under the guise of the "Fight against terrorism" This is wholly deceitful and a far greater risk to the UK people than a few extremist islamic factions.