# Data Protection Act 2018

**2018 CHAPTER 12**

## PART 5

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

*Codes of practice*

### 124 Data protection and journalism code

(1) The Commissioner must prepare a code of practice which contains—

(a) practical guidance in relation to the processing of personal data for the purposes of journalism in accordance with the requirements of the data protection legislation, and

(b) such other guidance as the Commissioner considers appropriate to promote good practice in the processing of personal data for the purposes of journalism.

(2) Where a code under this section is in force, the Commissioner may prepare amendments of the code or a replacement code.

(3) Before preparing a code or amendments under this section, the Commissioner must consult such of the following as the Commissioner considers appropriate—

(a) trade associations;

(b) data subjects;

(c) persons who appear to the Commissioner to represent the interests of data subjects.

(4) A code under this section may include transitional provision or savings.

(5) In this section—

"good practice in the processing of personal data for the purposes of journalism" means such practice in the processing of personal data for those purposes as appears to the Commissioner to be desirable having regard to—

(a) the interests of data subjects and others, including compliance with the requirements of the data protection legislation, and

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(b) the special importance of the public interest in the freedom of expression and information;

"trade association" includes a body representing controllers or processors.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13A inserted by 2024 c. 21 s. 31(4)
- s. 204(1)(l) inserted by S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 7
- Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(y) added by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 78(3)