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Statement of Purpose

To use our statutory duties, as an independent body, to enhance information governance across the Channel Islands ensuring continued recognition as a well-regulated jurisdiction.

To assist organisations meet their obligations; to regulate where the required standard has not been met and to ensure that individuals are confident and able to exercise their information rights.

Areas of Focus

Develop
Educate
Lead
Influence
Visible
Enforce
Regulate

DEVELOP – ensuring our staff are highly skilled and motivated, working effectively and efficiently across the Islands.

EDUCATE – working with key organisations and individuals to promote awareness and understanding of information rights and responsibilities.

LEAD – as the subject matter expert within the Channel Islands, ensuring the Islands' continued recognition on the European and international stage

INFLUENCE – seeking to embed information rights in all relevant areas especially new laws and policies across the private and public sector

VISIBLE – conducting our work in an open and transparent manner, ensuring relevant and useful information is proactively published on our website

ENFORCE – taking targeted and meaningful regulatory action in a fair and consistent manner

REGULATE – making effective use of our statutory powers to achieve consistency across the Channel Islands

Statutory Duties

Data Protection:

- Promote observance of the Law and the following of good practice by data controllers
- Disseminate information about the Law and developments of new EU Regulation, aimed at both organisations and individuals.
- Publish Codes of Practice necessary to establish good practice
- Produce an Annual Report
- Maintain a public register of data controllers which includes details of the nature of the personal data they process and the purposes and methods of such processing.
- Provide a fair and effective mechanism to assess the lawfulness of processing and take enforcement action as necessary
- Cooperate internationally as the designated Authority for the purposes of Article 13 of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data.

Freedom of Information:

- Encourage public authorities to follow good practice
- Supply members of the public with information about the Law and their rights within it
- Produce an Annual Report
- Publish a Code of Practice to supplement the Law and provide a mechanism for issuing practice recommendations where necessary
- Provide a mechanism for appeals against decisions by public authorities not to disclose and issue decision notices where necessary.

Priorities

- To be a well-led and managed organisation, one that staff are proud to work for and that makes a real difference to the Islands.
- To ensure that the Channel Islands are recognised on the international stage as a well regulated jurisdiction, both now and once the EU Regulation is implemented.

What we want to Achieve

- To raise the profile of information governance, highlighting the role it plays in successful organisations while protecting the privacy of the individuals with which the organisation deals.

- To ensure that all those that handle personal information do so lawfully and responsibly.
- To encourage government organisations to embrace openness and transparency in all their activities whilst respecting an individual's right to privacy.
- To ensure that individuals are aware of their information rights and are confident in exercising them.
- To provide an effective and efficient notification service that is consistent across the Channel Islands.
- To ensure there exists a pan-Island mechanism for purposeful, targeted and meaningful regulatory activity.
- To reach a point where information rights are embedded in new laws, technology and public policy.
- To be a model of good regulation :-
 - Transparent
 - Accountable
 - Proportionate
 - Consistent
 - Targeted
 - Independent

As this is the first iteration of the Pan-Island Business Plan it will set the benchmark against which to measure success in future years.



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