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ICO Blog: Why the right of access to patient data needn't be a headache for GPs

The Information Commissioner's Office highlights some practical advice and tips for dealing with a request made in line with a patient's right to access their own medical records from their GP.

News Article: UK firms urged to be more vigilant against cyber attacks

The Chief Executive of the National Cyber Security Centre has stressed that "Every company must fully grasp their own cyber risk" as the annual Cyber Governance Health Check Report reveals that many of the UK's top firms do not having full understanding of the impact of loss or disruption associated with cyber threats, despite having a cyber-security strategy in place.

News Article: Poorly regulated 5G tech open up the risk of "catastrophic cyber threats" IoT director warns Using 5G networks holds the promise of revolutionising the way we provide healthcare, but using poorly regulated 5G technology may lead to potentially catastrophic cyber threats and security breaches.

NHS Digital News: Pharmacies now able to dispense controlled drugs via Electronic Prescription Service Following a successful pilot and testing, NHS Digital is now rolling out the next phase to allow pharmacy dispensers to receive prescriptions for some controlled drugs electronically on CD ROMs, rather than in paper form.

[Relates to England]

News Article: GDPR spur cyber security improvements at FTSE 350 companies

A UK Government survey has found that the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018 has increased the awareness around data privacy and encouraged public companies to improve the measures they put in place.

<u>First Tier Tribunal (Information Rights): Doorstep Dispensaree Ltd v Information Commissioner (2019) [EA/2018/0265</u>

The First Tier Tribunal (Information Rights) has considered the argument that an Information Notice was void as it breached s143(6) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (which provides that such a notice cannot require a person to provide the ICO with information where it may reveal evidence of a criminal offence that would incriminate them). The Tribunal dismissed an appeal on the grounds that very little information had been provided to the ICO or the Tribunal about the nature of the criminal offence.

Am rhagor o ddiweddaridau ynglyn â Diogelu data ewch i wefan Swyddfa Comisiynwdd Gwybodaeth. <u>Cliciwch yma.</u>

For updates on the ICO's Guide to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) click here [link].



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