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[News Article: The 21 biggest data breaches of 2018](#)  
Data breaches can happen for a variety of reasons. Some companies are hacked. Data can be mishandled or sold to third parties. Holes in a website's security system can leave information unprotected.

[News Article: Severn Valley Medical Practice that hired 'fake solicitor' ruled to have breached data protection](#)  
A medical practice has been found to have breached its data protection obligations by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) after it emailed a response to a Freedom of Information Request to the WhatDoTheyKnow.com website which was deemed to contain personal information about the requestor.

[ICO Blog: Data protection and Brexit - ICO advice for organisations](#)  
The Information Commissioner has sets out how the ICO is helping businesses, particularly SMEs, prepare for a possible no-deal Brexit.

[ICO Blog: Sleigh-ing the Christmas GDPR myths](#)  
In his latest 'myth-busting blog', the Deputy Commissioner (Policy), has clarified some of the misconceptions around how the new data protection law may affect Christmas.

[News Article: It's not just about instant messaging – we need an integrated approach to clinical communication](#)  
There is little doubt that instant messaging is being used by clinicians to share patient information – with all the related risks. They will use the technology that they have, that they are comfortable with and, importantly, that works without interrupting their workflow. To truly address the issue requires a much more integrated approach to communication and data security across healthcare.

[ICO News: London company fined after 14.8m spam texts sent](#)  
A London-based firm Tax Returned Limited has been fined £200,000 by the ICO for sending out millions of unsolicited marketing text messages.

[News Article: Everton FC substituted spreadsheets for software mere months before the GDPR kickoff](#)  
Everton Football Club managed to modernise its entire system in under five months, which included appointing a Data Protection Officer and training staff.

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

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