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### [ICO Blog: Data Sharing Code of Practice is laid before Parliament](#)

ICO statement in response to the Government laying the Data Sharing Code of Practice before Parliament on 18 May 2021.

### [News Article: Cyber-attack on Irish health service 'catastrophic'](#)

The head of the Republic of Ireland's health service has described the "catastrophic" impact of a "stomach-churning" hack of its IT systems.

On Wednesday, Irish Communications Minister Eamon Ryan described reports health records have been shared online as "credible".

The Financial Times reported it had seen files and screenshots from the hack, which included the file of one man admitted to hospital for palliative care.

*[Relates to the Republic of Ireland]*

### [ICO News: ICO takes action against contact tracing QR code provider](#)

The ICO has fined a company for sending direct marketing emails to people who provided their personal data for contact tracing purposes.

The company sent nearly 84,000 nuisance emails at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic between September and November last year, when businesses were using private QR code providers to collect personal data to meet the government's contact tracing rules.

### [News Article: Facebook faces prospect of 'devastating' data transfer ban after Irish ruling](#)

Ireland's data regulator can resume a probe that may trigger a ban on Facebook's transatlantic data transfers, the High Court ruled on Friday, raising the prospect of a stoppage that the company warns would have a devastating impact on its business.

The case stems from EU concerns that U.S. government surveillance may not respect the privacy rights of EU citizens when their personal data is sent to the United States for commercial use.

*[Relates to the EU]*

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