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[ICO Blog: Regulating through a pandemic and beyond](#)

A blog by James Dipple-Johnston, Deputy Commissioner - Chief Regulatory Officer

"When the ICO's management team met at the start of the pandemic, to discuss how COVID-19 could impact the ICO's work, our top priority was providing clarity to those we regulate.

We knew that, in uncertain times, organisations needed us to be clear about how we would regulate, and what they could expect to see us do differently."

[News Article: NHS Digital gives patients easier access to who uses their data](#)

A tool that makes it easier for patients to see which organisations can access their data has been launched by NHS Digital.

The Data Uses Register also reveals why such organisations (which could be public sector bodies, charities or commercial organisations) are allowed to use the data and what the expected benefits are. They must all have a legal basis and legitimate need to use the data, which will only be used for health and care planning and research purposes, NHS Digital said in a statement.

[\[Related website: NHS Digital Data Uses Register\]](#)

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[News Article: UK National Lottery Community Fund data breach impacts grant applicants](#)

The UK National Lottery Community Fund has reported a data breach exposing the sensitive personal data, including bank account information, of grant holders and applicants.

The National Lottery Community Fund distributes funds raised by National Lottery ticket sales to various good causes, awarding more than £588 million (\$807 million) to 8,189 community projects in 2019 and 2020.

[News Article: Japanese Official Says Data Leak Exposed Account Credentials of Olympics Ticket Buyers and Summer Games Volunteers](#)

Login credentials of Tokyo Olympics ticket buyers were reportedly leaked on the internet, a government official speaking on condition of anonymity told Kyodo news. Similarly, account credentials of Tokyo Paralympics ticket purchasers and the volunteers of the Summer Games have been leaked.

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