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[UK Government Weighs Ban on Public Sector Ransomware Payments](#)

“To pay or not to pay” has been a hotly debated topic since ransomware spiked about 10 years ago, and to date most governments have fallen on the side of allowing payments at the lower or more municipal levels. That may change in the United Kingdom, at least for its public sector entities.

[Company fined £200,000 for instigating unlawful loan promotion nuisance texts](#)

We have fined West Sussex-based company ESL Consultancy Services Ltd (ESL) £200,000 for knowingly instigating unlawful loan promotion nuisance text messages being sent to people who had not consented to receive them.

ESL came to our attention through a separate investigation into Daniel George Bentley, an affiliate marketer and lead generator. During the investigation, Bentley set up Taipan Trading Ltd (TTL) in an apparent attempt to appear more legitimate and in the hope that ESL would make the company an appointed representative with the Financial Conduct Authority.

[Sensitive data sent by post broke data protection rules](#)

Financial services company Beauvoir, mistakenly sent a client's sensitive personal documents via ordinary mail to a third party, with the ODPa deciding that breached the island's data protection law.

(Relevance: Channel Islands)

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