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[ICO advocates privacy by design in digital health](#)

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has recommended a privacy by design approach in the adoption of digital health products.

It has identified this as one of key issues in its new Tech Horizons 2025 report, which looks at the development of a group of new technologies and the potential privacy and data protection risks.

[What we can learn from 2024's top 5 healthcare cyberattacks](#)

When interacting with medical institutions, patients often share highly sensitive information and trust it will be protected, whether the data includes Social Security numbers, bank account details or medical records. Since these organizations hold the sensitive data of all their patients, they become attractive targets for cybercrime. With one attack, the criminal can access millions of people's information. The intimate nature of the healthcare sector means this data is particularly sensitive, and therefore, the ramifications of a breach can be far more dangerous.

[Action taken to improve access to personal information from local authorities across Scotland](#)

The ICO are taking action to tackle significant delays for people who are trying to access copies of their personal information held by local authorities across Scotland.

Under data protection law, people have the right to ask an organisation if it holds their personal information and receive a copy of any personal information held within a month, unless an extension is applied – this is known as a subject access request (SAR).

Relevance: Scotland

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