

Cyber Security for Directors

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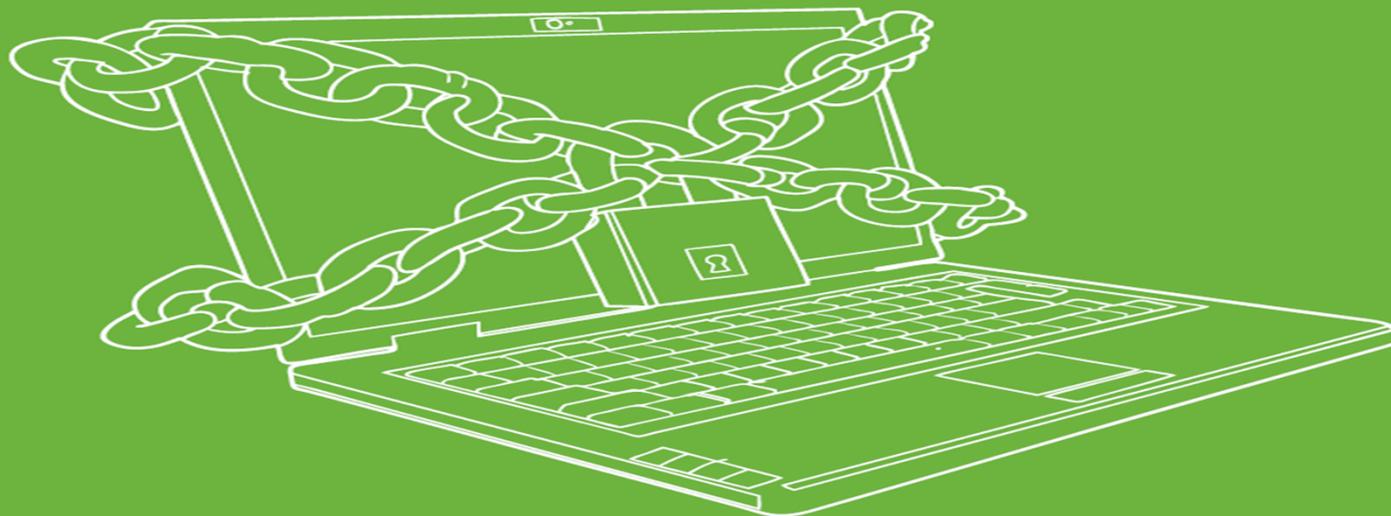
A Framework for Managing Data Protection Risk

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Data: A Key Asset

- **Core to business models**
 - Customised services
 - Advertising

- **Challenge:**
 - how to think about data protection in a pragmatic way that limits legal risk

Agenda

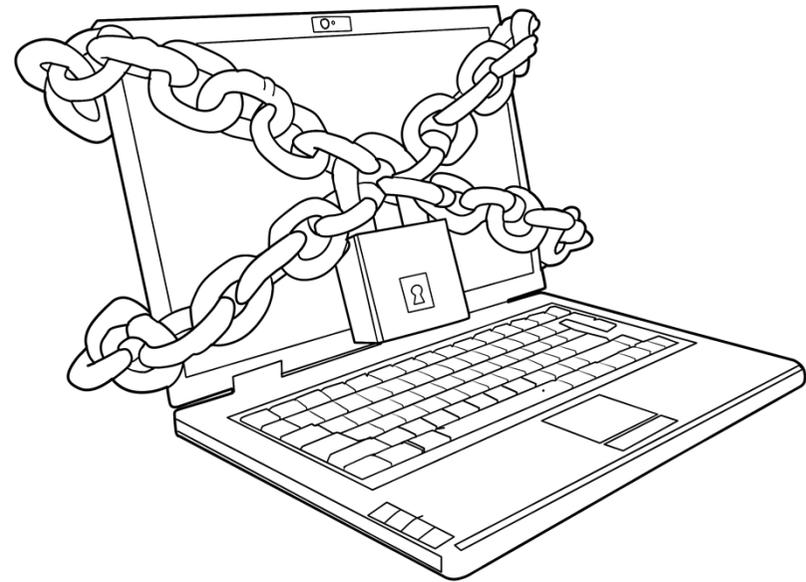
1. Challenges

→ What do I need to look out for?

2. Management Strategies

→ How do successful businesses proactively deal with the issues?

Part 1: Challenges (or 7 Questions to Ask)



Q 1: Are we being transparent?

- **Must be obtained “fairly”**
 - Must be transparent about reason the data is being collected and purpose for which the data will be used.
 - Data must not then be put to a further “incompatible” use

- **Practical Lesson:**
 - Work out in advance why the data is needed
 - State this purpose in the Privacy Policy
 - Remember that *permitted uses* are defined by *disclosures* made

Q 2: Do we have consent?

- **Usually (but not always) required**
 - If non sensitive: can be implied consent
 - If sensitive: explicit consent

- **Practical Lesson:**
 - Have a privacy policy
 - Build “consent event” into the new customer/ upgrade experience
 - [If online] consider “in line”/ contextual explanations

Q 3: How long are we retaining data for?

- **Personal data can only be stored for as long as is necessary**
 - DPC takes an “evidenced based approach”
 - No retention “just in case”

- **Practical Lesson:**
 - Have clear retention/ deletion policies
 - Build into the code

Q 4: Are we collecting unnecessary data?

- **Data should only be collected if necessary**
 - PR risks

- **Practical Lesson:**
 - Identify necessary data/permissions
 - Only ask for that (apps)
 - Delete unnecessary data

Q 5: Are we keeping the data secure?

- **Must have ‘appropriate security measures’**
 - State of technology
 - Cost of implementation
 - Nature of data and potential harm if a breach occurs

- **If subcontracting?**
 - impose equivalent obligations via contract

- **Practical Lesson**
 - Deploy appropriate resources to security
 - Manage outsourcing carefully

Q 6: Are we giving the data to third parties?

→ **Are they controllers or processors?**

→ i.e. on whose behalf will they use the data?

→ If controllers: likely need consent

→ If processors: special written contract terms required

→ **Practical Lesson**

→ Carefully review disclosures of data

→ Make sure legal requirements (disclosures, contracts) are dealt with

Q 7: Is the data leaving Europe?

- **Within EEA – no issue**
- **If outside EEA:**
 - Ok if approved country, e.g. Canada
 - otherwise safeguards are required
- **Key safeguards**
 - Model Contractual Clauses
 - Safe Harbor (for US)
- **Practical Lesson:**
 - Know where your data is going!
 - Deploy the safeguards where required

Part 2: Management Strategies

Four Level Framework

- **A four-way approach to compliance and risk mitigation**
- **Not just about the “legals”. Requires input from product/process designers and IT**
- **Four Layers:**
 - User facing disclosures
 - Engineering choices (“Privacy by design”)
 - Back-end contracts
 - Response plans

1. User Facing Disclosures

- Addresses issues around “*transparency*” and “*consent*”
- Have clear public facing statements/ policies re. data usage
- Make sure they incorporated into the customer experience flow
- Also consider inline explanations, help centres etc...
- Fundamentally a customer experience issue

2. Engineering Choices

- Addresses issues around “retention”, “unnecessary processing” and “security”.
- “Privacy by Design”
- Make sure the product is designed and built lawfully
- Fundamentally involves back-end engineering considerations

2. Engineering Choices

- **Implementation strategies:**
 - Centralised product management/ controls
 - Data protection discussions during design/ development (questionnaires), internal review
 - Software Development Life Cycle policies
 - Penetration Testing

3. Back-end contracts

- **Addresses issues around “transfer” and data “leaving Europe”**
- **Primarily done through the use of the correct contractual language**
- **Implementation strategies:**
 - Understand what sort of contracts are being entered into
 - Know where the data is going
 - Have standard language for inclusion in agreements
 - Negotiate if necessary

4. Response Plans

- **Policies for dealing with major incidents (particularly security breaches)**
- **Often adopted by larger companies to prepare for crises situations and allow for more rapid responses**
- **Implementation Strategy**
 - Identify material data protection risks to the business (external attack, internal bad actor)
 - Prepare response plans

Key Takeaways

- **Data protection rules impose restrictions on companies**
- **Dealing with these is not just a legal issue**
- **Sophisticated businesses adopt a 4 level framework to tackle these challenges considering:**
 - User disclosures
 - Product design
 - Legal agreements
 - Response plans

Security risks and breach management

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Some Quick Facts

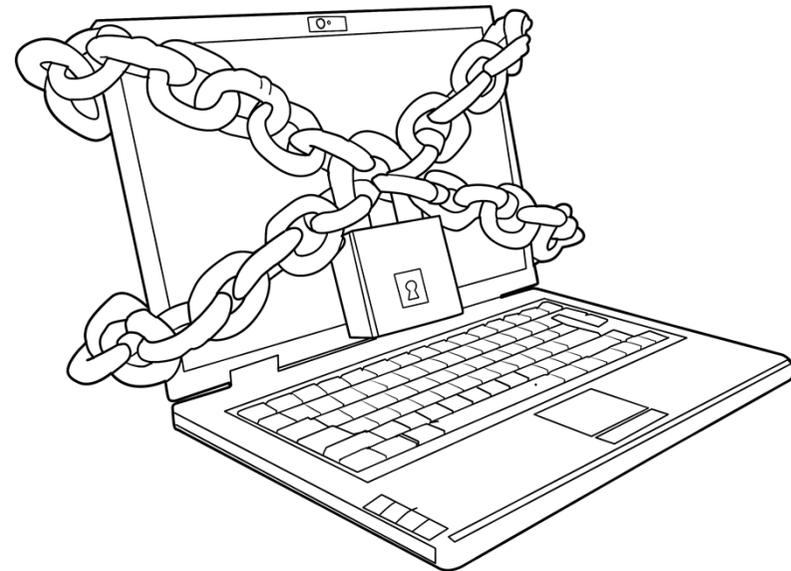
- Average cost is \$3.5 million / \$145 per record
- Biggest hit from loss of reputation and customers
- Incident response plan shown to reduce cost
- **= take security seriously**

3 Important Points

- Controller often takes the hit, even if caused by processor
- Security breach:
 - not *necessarily* a breach of dp law
 - could still be a breach of contract
- You need to consider laws of other countries too

Managing a Security Incident

- You cannot be prepared for a security incident without having prepared for it!



Key Management Tools

- Security Breach Policy (and training)
- IT Security Policy
- Acceptable Usage Policy
- Firewalls
- Logs / red flags
- Supplier due diligence
- Contractual measures
- Insurance
- Starters, movers and leavers

Security Breach Policy

- Reporting lines
- Incident management team (and deputies)
 - compliance/audit/legal/IT/security/PR/business control etc
 - include senior officer so can make quick decisions
- Third party advisers
- Include contact details
- Identify key action points
- Training for incident management team

Key Action Points – Initial Steps

- Act quickly
- Assemble incident response team
- Internal escalation
- Stop or mitigate breach
- Information lockdown
- Preserve evidence

NB. remember litigation is possible

Key Action Points – Investigation

- Identify data controller
- Determine your status
- Investigate facts
 - data affected
 - individuals affected
 - cause
 - resulting harm / damage
 - use legal counsel – legal privilege?
- Remember things move and change quickly

Key Action Points – Implications

- Consider legal exposure
 - liability and fines
 - contract termination
 - audit / escalation
- Contractual obligations?
- Consider any wider business critical implications
- Tolling agreement

Key Action Points – Notifications

- Notify insurers if required under policy
- Consider regulatory notifications in Ireland and abroad, e.g. DPC, Gardai, foreign DPC etc
- Consider data subject / customer / dc notifications
- Check relevant contracts
 - confidentiality
 - preservation of rights

Key Action Points – Customer Relations

- Create customer relations' strategy
 - press release
 - customer relationship management
 - mitigation measures: hotline, online helpdesk, monitoring service, discounts etc.

Key Action Points – Corrective Action

- Audit
- Disaster recovery / business continuity etc
- Implement corrective / disciplinary action



Should you notify DPC?

- No express obligation (except ECSPs / ECNPs)
- No fines in Ireland (except ECNPs / ECSPs)
 - different in other countries
- Negative PR resulting from failure to disclose – can incident be contained?
- Have you notified other regulators etc.?

Should you notify DPC?

- DPC has a statutory obligation of confidentiality
- General practice not to disclose except in response to inquiry by media or concerned person
- However, may issue press release or notify other DPCs if significant incident

Should you notify DPC?

- Before making disclosure, also consider:
 - is disclosure permitted by contract?
 - must you notify insurers first?
 - implications of DPC finding for third party litigation?
 - other implications?
 - similar issues apply to other notifications, e.g. to individuals
- Notification based on current information
- Remember DPC has statutory enforcement powers

Voluntary Code

- Applies if personal data put at risk
- Also earlier DoF public sector guidance
- Code only applicable if DC or DP subject to DPA
- Code is not legally binding
 - but what if incorporated into contract?
- Not applicable to ECNP / ECSP as separate legislation applies

Voluntary Code – DC and DPC Notifications

- DP must report to DC all incidents of loss of control of data
- DC must report to DPC incidents in which data put at risk within 2 working days unless:
 - individuals already informed;
 - no more than 100 data subjects; and
 - does not include sensitive personal data or financial data
- Keep summary record even if don't notify DPC
 - brief description
 - why chose not to notify

Voluntary code – notifying individuals

- DC must give immediate consideration to informing those affected
 - No obligation if no risk to data due to technological measures of high standard
 - Risk of over notification or more harm than good
 - Audit trail for reasons not to notify

Steps in a DPC Investigation

1. Initial call / email
2. Written submission
 - amount and nature of personal data
 - action to secure / recover personal data
 - action to inform those affected or reasons for the decision not to do so
 - action to limit damage or distress to those affected
 - chronology of events leading up to incident
 - measures to prevent repetition

Steps in a DPC Investigation

3. Additional Materials

- contract
- recruitment process
- relevant policies
- training documents
- log of training for relevant staff
- expressly state it is confidential and commercially sensitive

NB: remember your confidentiality obligations

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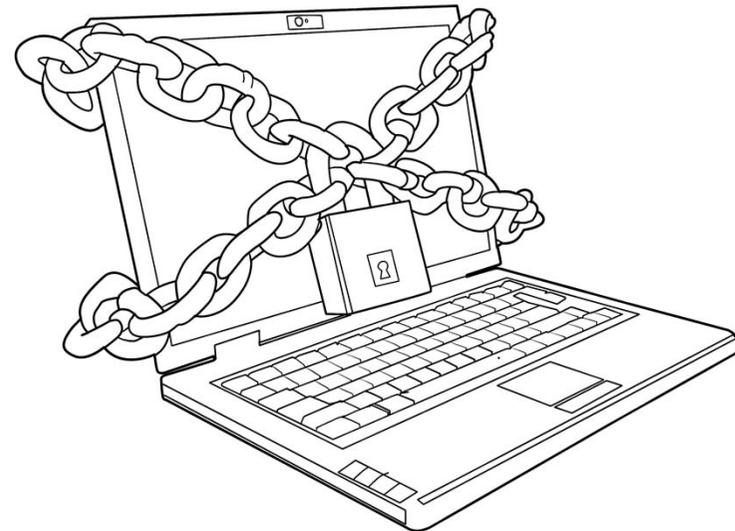
4. Enforcement notice?
5. Site visit
 - systems
 - procedures
 - live demonstrations
 - questions
6. Draft finding or report / recommendations
7. Right of reply
8. Final finding or report

Third Party Contracts

- Diligence
- Notification of incident
- Control of incident
- Co-operation / information / preservation obligations
- Right to interrogate devices / data
- Right to interview personnel

Third Party Contracts

- Notification of policies to others
- Restoration of data
- Confidentiality clause
- Indemnity / cap
- “subject to law” qualifications



Things are changing

- Draft General Data Protection Regulation
 - significant fines and J&S liability
 - privacy by design and impact assessment
 - document processing activities
 - evaluate risk, verify effectiveness and demonstrate compliance
 - DP can become joint DC
 - specific notification obligations

Q&A



Thank you

