Transparency and Open Data in Public Service

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Role of the ICO

- Independent of government
- Upholding information rights in the public interest
- Promoting openness by public bodies ...
- ... and data privacy for individuals
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations
- Data Protection Act



Transparency Agenda- Access to information

- Proactive and reactive transparency
- Positive statutory obligations
- FOIA Publication Schemes
- EIR progressive systematic dissemination
- Good governance
- Citizen participation in public life/decisions



Re-use of public sector information

- 2003 Directive little impact
- Growing interest through open data
- Relationship with FOIA
- Regulation of re-use
- The new dataset provisions s.102 Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- A joined up transparency agenda?



Essentials of Information Governance

- Knowing what you hold
- Records management and retrieval
- Security, retention and disposal
- Appropriate and responsible data sharing
- Managing information risk



Handling personal data

- The data protection principles
- The consequences of breach-enforcement
- The consequences of breach-reputation
- The risk of inadvertent disclosure
- Anonymisation ICO Code of Practice



Good Practice

- Maximum proactive transparency
- Efficient and positive approach to reactive transparency
- An open approach to re-use
- Top level ownership and leadership
- Listening and learning



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