

Digital Britain
Inconference (London):
Session report

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Privacy

Key questions considered:

1. Technology is powerful, with potential for mass surveillance
2. State, government and individuals are actors
3. Protections, legal and technical are woefully inadequate
4. Future of the net depends on trust and therefore privacy
5. Proportionality needs to be applied when privacy is removed

Action points that could be included in the Digital Britain final report:

1. Include online privacy as a key objective for Digital Britain
2. ISO standard for privacy, compulsory for business over a certain size
3. Recommendation that opt out right should be mandatory (can be excluded by contract, eg mortgages that insist they will data share)
4. Simplify regulation: enforce co-operation to stop buck-passing or merge regulators
5. Access audit of large databases should be mandatory
5. User education is needed
- 7 Communicate privacy agreements in simple terms (in icons like CC licenses)

How might these proposals be funded?

Many of the concerns are dealt with through better business practice or system design, needing legislation rather than funding. Governments would need to allocate better levels of funding to create 'privacy by design' when making new systems.