Mobile App and Beacon Privacy





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Mobile apps/beacons: examples of potential personal data involved

- Location data
- Contacts
- Unique device and customer identifiers (e.g. IEI,IMSI, UDID and phone number)
- Data subject identity
- Store activity data



- Credit card and payments data
- Phone call logs, SMS or instant messages
- Browsing history
- Email
- ISS authentication credentials

The regulators are circling... Sept '14 – Global Privacy Enforcement Network 26 country app sweep

Key findings:

- 1. 59% of apps offered little info, prior to download, on how data was collected or used
- 2. 43% of apps failed to tailor privacy notices to the small screen
 - 3. Only 15% of apps gave a clear explanation of how they would collect, use and disclose personal information

Be an instant in-store beacon/app ("ISBA") privacy law expert! #1

So you have an idea for an ISBA app. When is the best time to think about privacy law compliance?

- 1. When determining core functionality Correct answer
- 2. Before publishing your API
 - 3. Five working days before launch

Be an instant ISBA privacy law expert! #2

iBeacons enable an app-equipped mobile to use store location data to deliver real-time personalised marketing messages. Do you:

- 1. rely on Bluetooth being turned on as an indication of consent to use of location data?
 - 2. ensure the mobile user/subscriber ("U/S") gives informed consent on signing up for the app? **Correct answer**
 - 3. assume it's all covered in the U/S's contract with the telecoms service provider?

Be an ISBA privacy law expert! #3

As a retailer negotiating an agreement for a developer's supply of an ISBA solution, do you:

- 1. Leave it to your IT/legal teams to do a privacy impact assessment and advise on compliance later?
- 2. Say in the agreement who takes responsibility for which aspects of data privacy, data security and electronic comms law compliance and who is data controller? **Correct answer**
 - 3. Expressly agree that both parties will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 and related legislation?

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The ISBA will exchange U/S data with the retailer's CRM database and thereby enable ever more targeted engagement with the U/S. As the developer do you:

- 1. Assume the U/S already gave consent to his/her CRM database data being enriched by other data?
- 2. Cover it off in the app privacy notice the U/S sees after installing the app?
 - 3. Check that previous retailer privacy notices disclosed possible appending to the U/S + disclose in the app's privacy policy, which is easily viewed before any data is processed?

 Correct answer

Key data privacy and security ("DP&S") dos and don'ts

Do bake PBD and PIA into the process

Don't forget data security means taking **organisational** as well as technical measures

Don't be lazy about DP&S in supply agreements

Do focus on data flows and consent management

Do ensure pre-download notice and choice

Don't lose sight of privacy and electronic comms laws

Don't forget that for mobiles accessibility is key



Guidance sources

- ICO Guide for App developers and mobile messaging
- Article 29 Working party opinion on apps and smart devices
- GSMA Mobile Privacy Principles
- MMA mobile application privacy policy guidelines
- ...er....Osborne Clarke and of course
- www.marketinglaw.co.uk

Any questions?



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