The Office of the Information Commissioner is part of the Jersey Data Protection Authority. We are an independent regulator responsible for overseeing the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018*, the Data Protection Authority (Jersey) Law 2018* and the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011.

Our office was established with the aim of ensuring the people of Jersey are provided with a high standard of data protection. We are an independent, regulatory public authority whose mission is to promote respect for the privacy and information rights of islanders.

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**How can we help you?**

**WE CAN**

- **Conduct Investigations** (and inquiries) to establish compliance with the law. This is a defined process that is set out within DPAJL to ensure a fair and equal process for all.
- **Enter and search premises, inspect, test and seize information for investigation purposes.**
- **Help you amicably resolve an issue with a controller by way of our Amicable Resolution Process.** This is separate to our formal complaint process and can be chosen by you as an alternative to making a formal complaint.

**WE CANNOT**

- **Issue fines against public authorities** including Government departments.
- **Award compensation.** If you wish to bring legal proceedings in relation to a data protection issue, you should seek independent legal advice.
- **Provide legal advice.** We can only deal with data protection (and freedom of information) related matters. We cannot get involved in employment or defamation matters, for example.
- **Investigate matters that do not relate to laws we regulate.** We can only deal with data protection (and freedom of information) related matters. We cannot get involved in employment or defamation matters, for example.
- **Bring prosecutions for criminal matters.** We can, however, refer criminal matters to the Attorney General, and assist the States of Jersey Police, if required.

* Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018 is referred to here as "DPLJ" and the Data Protection Authority (Jersey) Law 2018 as the "DPAJL".