

The Sixth Northumbria Information Rights Conference

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Disclosure of commercially
confidential information



Date:

Friday 13 June 2014

**Venue: Business Design Centre,
52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH**

This conference will focus on information provided by business which may or may not be commercially confidential. It aims to provide a concise and up-to-date examination of the law relating to the disclosure (or non-disclosure) of commercially confidential information under various pieces of legislation, most notably the FOIA 2000, the EIR 2004 and during the procurement process.

The conference is aimed at officials in public authorities charged with making decisions about the disclosure of information particularly information obtained in a regulatory context. It

will also be of value to lawyers who are asked to advise clients on whether information may be withheld from the public.

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Northumbria University is approved by the SRA for the purpose of Continuing Professional Development. Solicitors, barristers and legal executives qualify for 5 hours by attending the conference.



Conference Programme

9.00-9.30 Registration and Refreshments

9.45-10.15 Welcome and key note address
Kevin Dunion, former Scottish
Information Commissioner

Director, Centre for Freedom of
Information

10.15- 10.45 Outsourcing public services:
implications for access to
information

Steve Wood, Head of Policy Delivery,
Information Commissioner's Office

10.45-11.00 Questions and Answers

11.00-11.15 Refreshments

11.15-11.45 Top secret: for your eyes only.
Freedom of Information Act
2000 and exceptions relating to
commercial confidentiality

Ibrahim Hasan, Solicitor and
Director Act Now Training Ltd

11.45-12.15 Environmental Information
Regulations 2004: Access to
commercially confidential
information in the public interest

Susan Wolf, Northumbria University School of Law

12.15-12.30 Panel and Questions

12.30-13.15 Lunch

13.15-14.15 EU public procurement law and the
transparency agenda

Dr Richard Craven, Lecturer in Law,
Northumbria University School of
Law

14.15-14.45 The regulator's perspective:
making decisions on commercial
confidentiality

Gisèle Bakkenist, Solicitor,
Environment Agency

14.45-15.15 Advising the private client: How to
protect information

Simon Tilling, Solicitor, Burgess
Salmon

15.15-15.30 Panel and Questions

15.30-15.45 Refreshments and close

How to Book

The price of the conference is £99 per delegate. A discounted rate of £75 is available for early bookings made prior to 16 May 2014. This discounted rate of £75 is also available for students, charities, and NGO's. These discounts cannot be linked with any other offer. The price includes all conference sessions, lunch and refreshments as advertised. The price does not include accommodation.

Book online at www.northumbria.ac.uk/informationrightskonference

Should you be unable to book online please contact the events office on **0191 227 3212** or email nu.events@northumbria.ac.uk

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A refund of your conference fee less a £25 administrative charge will then be sent to you.

After this time we cannot accept any cancellations and the full fee is payable. Failure to attend the conference will be regarded as a late cancellation and your payment will be forfeited.

