

Curriculum Vitae Paul Gibbons

Paul Gibbons is an expert in information rights law and information management, with many years of experience in the field. Beginning his career in the pharmaceutical industry supporting research and development, he has also served the UK Parliament as Parliamentary Records Manager. Following this, he worked for the London Mayor's Office (the Greater London Authority), a London Healthcare Trust and a college of the University of London. He has become well known in the UK public sector and beyond for his FOI Man blog, and is regularly invited to speak and write about information rights matters.

Training and public speaking

- Paul currently delivers training courses in freedom of Information, data protection and records management to a range of clients across the UK and beyond. Recent recipients include several London Boroughs, a private school, and the Government of Brunei.
- Over the last decade, Paul has provided short courses in subjects including data protection, freedom of information, intellectual property, records management and complaint handling to colleagues in the organisations he has worked for
- Paul regularly speaks at conferences and other events on information rights issues, including most recently PDP's Annual Freedom of Information Conference, and the Scottish Freedom of Information Conference; he has also been asked to address students on UCL's Archives & Records Management MA degree course.

Information rights experience

- Paul has 20 years' experience in the field of information management
- He prepared the Greater London Authority for the coming into force of the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations and oversaw compliance with the legislation there for 6 years
- He has worked as Information Governance Manager in an NHS Health Trust responsible for promoting and reporting on IG Toolkit compliance
- He has drafted information sharing protocols between public authorities
- Since creating the respected FOI Man blog in 2010, he has also written articles on FOI and information rights for the Freedom of Information Journal, Times Higher Education magazine and contributed to other publications and websites.

Professionally accredited

- LLM (with distinction) in Information Rights Law & Practice covering data protection and other information law
- BCS Certificates in Data Protection and Freedom of Information
- MSc Econ in Archives Administration & Records Management.

Career to date (reverse order)

Act Now Training and other clients	Freelance consultant and trainer in information rights, 2012 – (full-time from 2014)
SOAS, University of London	Information Compliance Manager, 2010 - 2014
Croydon Healthcare NHS Trust	Information Governance Manager, 2009 - 2010
Greater London Authority	Information Governance Manager, 2003 – 2009; Acting Head of Information Services, May – September 2008
House of Lords	Parliamentary Records Manager, 2001 – 2003
Portsmouth City Council	Modern Records Archivist (Records Manager), 1999 – 2001
Pfizer Central Research	Trainee, 1994-1995; Assistant Records Manager, 1997-1999
Commission for the New Towns	Records Officer (Assistant Records Manager), 1996 - 1997

Professional Qualifications

2014	BCS Certificate in Freedom of Information
2013	BCS Certificate in Data Protection
2007	Endorsed Award from the Institute of Leadership and Management
2000	Achieved Registered Member of the Society of Archivists (RMSA) status

Currently a member of the Information & Records Management Society (IRMS), British Computer Society (BCS) and National Association of Data Protection Officers (NADPO).

Education

2006-2008	Northumbria University	LLM Information Rights, Law and Practice (with distinction)
1995-1996	University College of Wales, Aberystwyth	MSc (Econ) Archive Administration and Records Management
1991-1994	University of Birmingham	BA (Hons) Ancient and Medieval History