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Hi

Writing in response to the discussion paper:

I don't think there should be a threshold. There seems limited downside to notification to the Commissioner and the affected persons of any breach regardless of its likelihood to cause serious harm, and a few benefits of doing so, so why not notify in all cases?

If it has no other effect, it seems likely that the requirement to notify in each case would introduce into the system greater pressure on the individuals and organisations concerned to prevent breaches, which in turn would reduce their occurrence.

It would be too easy for someone to come to the conclusion that the breach wasn't likely to cause serious harm, so that they avoided the embarrassment and other negative impacts of having to notify. Rather than putting in an actual third person to make the call it would be better than there was no call to be made; just make it mandatory to notify every breach.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Regards

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