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Explorations in the GDPR

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Route Map: in search of harmony

And opportunities to create it...

What is a University?

Network & Information Security

Research

Learning Analytics

Intelligent Campus

Well-being



What is a University?

UK, DK, maybe others: a “Public Authority”

» So using “Public Interest” as justification

Other MS: just another data controller

» So using “Legitimate Interest” as justification

Disharmony? Maybe not...

» GDPR text pretty much identical for “PubInt” & “LegInt”

» Just missing the balancing test against data subject rights and freedoms...

» Do that test anyway => Harmony in practice if not in terminology

NB: GDPR Rec.43 presumes consent to a Public Authority is not free...

Network & Information Security

Explicitly covered by Rec.49

- » But some odd interpretations out there
- » No, you don't need hackers' consent to log & investigate them...

Rec.49 says Legitimate Interest ***even*** for public authorities

- » Write privacy-respecting incident detection/response processes
- » Assess rights balance
- » Implement appropriate collection, analysis, retention

Good compatibility with existing CSIRT practice, including info.sharing

Research

Disharmony by design ☹️

- » GDPR only sets high-level framework
- » Each Member State decides detailed rules and when they apply

Confusing terminology

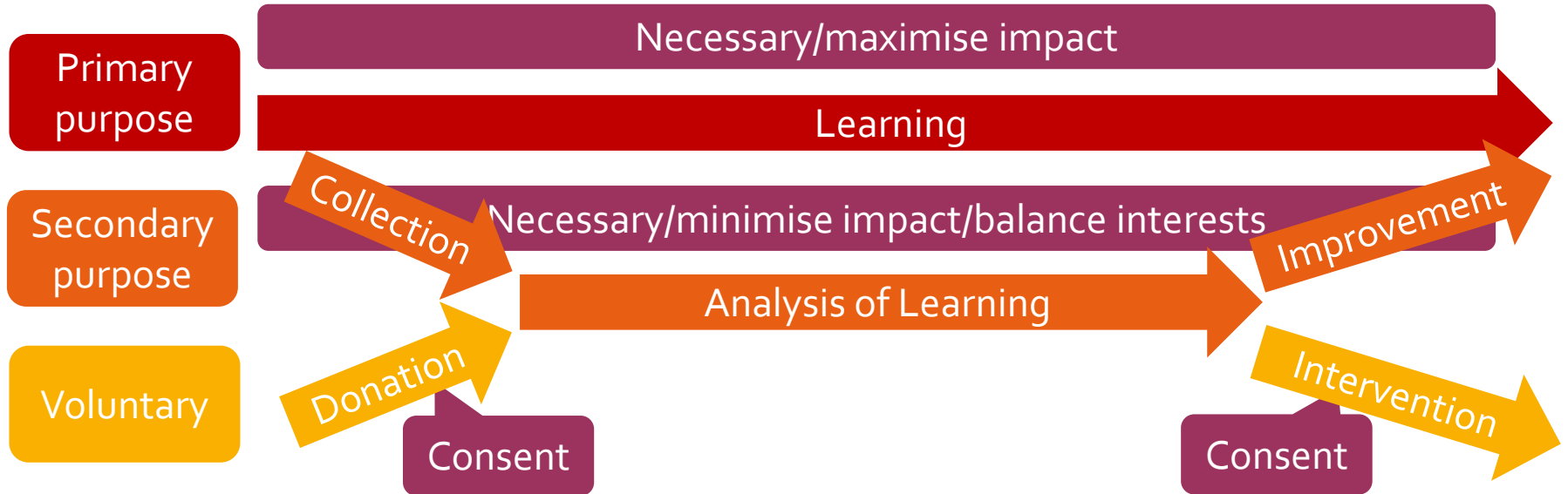
- » Research “consent” not the same as GDPR “consent”
- » Research “personal data” may not be same as GDPR, either

But research ethics process should look a lot like a DPIA

- » May well be doing right-ish things already
- » Main challenge probably to find all research using personal data

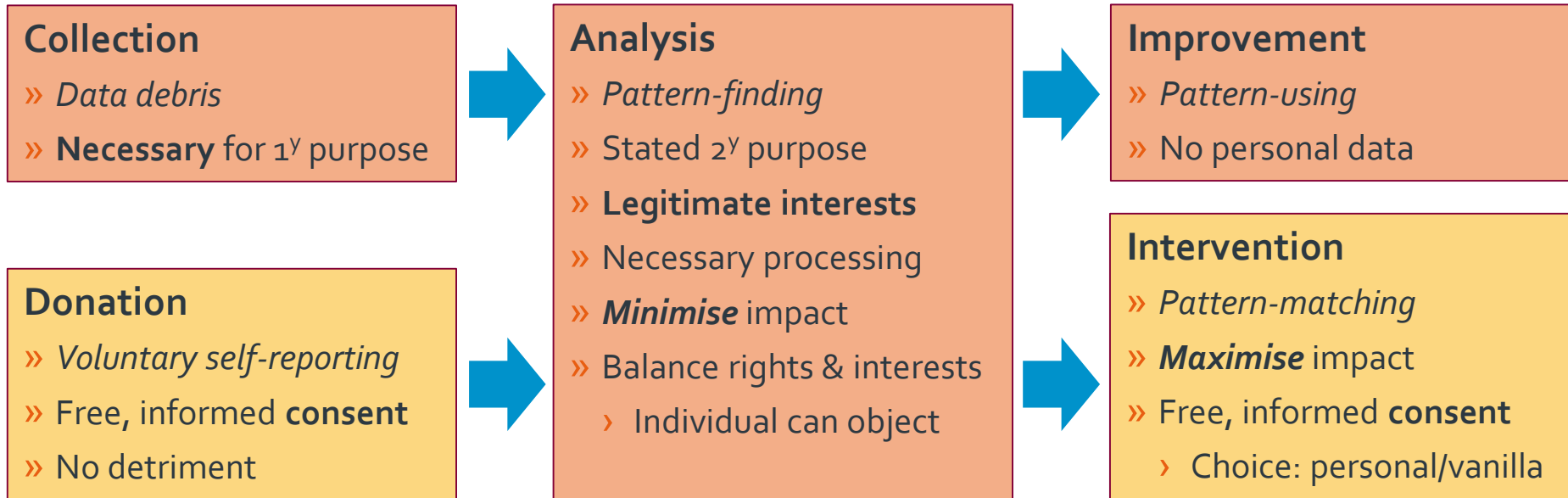
Learning Analytics (visualisation 1)

Compatible purpose + Voluntary participation



Learning Analytics (visualisation 2)

A responsible way to use big data techniques



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Senses and Risks (based on Art29 RFID DPIA)

	Vision	Hearing	Location
0: Presence	Motion detection	Sound level	
1: Counting			Queue measuring
2: Identifying	CCTV monitoring		Location-aware app
3: Recording	CCTV recording	Audio recording	Access card/logs
4: Analysing	Face recognition	Trigger words	Behaviour mapping

NB Presence sensor in personal office is level 3, not 0!

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Going beyond Data Protection

Challenges for traditional DP approach

- » Can't guarantee people see notices
- » Collection often unavoidable => Consent invalid
- » Retrospective rights (e.g. SAR & objection) may be limited in practice & benefit
 - › Privacy-respecting implementations actually make these harder!

Can we offer prior control as well?

- » Occupants of space should be able to decide/challenge how & why it is monitored
- » Achieve consensus on purposes, implementation, review and benefits

Well-being

And other purposes of analytics

Very wide range

» From “take a break” apps to suicide risk flags

Messaging/communication may be the biggest challenge

» High risk of creating the stress (or worse) that you’re trying to avoid

High value + high risk

» Likely candidate for DPIAs and prior approval by ICO

Data Protection probably not the biggest issue

» If student/staff health service isn’t ready for this, don’t do it!

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