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Editorial

Once again it has been a privilege to receive contributions from excellent writers on a wide range of subjects for this edition of TPI. Regular writers have been joined by new contributor Susanne Teufel and the return of Adrian Phillips. I'm greatly indebted to them all. Sincere thanks also to Eric Chalker for obtaining authorisation to reproduce content from his fine blog at lse.co.uk. Last but by no means least, I'm very pleased to include a guest article by Nisha Arora, Director of Market Intelligence, Data and Analysis at the FCA.

Editorship brings a bonus of being copied into slews of e-mails between UKSA and ShareSoc directors and members active on a range of issues, such as the push to have companies establish shareholder committees, the call on members to write to MPs about inadequate shareholder rights under the pooled nominee system, responses to BEIS consultations, to name just a few. In short, there's a tremendous amount going on and we'll be updating members in forthcoming TPIs.

GDPR: four letters of which most of us have probably seen enough. Our inboxes were deluged by daily showers of e-mails from organisations asking us all to 'refresh' our permissions to receive their news. The irony, of course, is that many of those mass mailings were themselves a violation of the Data Protection Act that preceded the GDPR. But that's by the by. The intent of the GDPR is to put you and me, the 'data subject', firmly in control and we support it wholeheartedly. In common with other organisations we've adapted our privacy policy accordingly and posted it on our website. Any changes in future will be systematically notified through TPI.

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