

**Subject:** ICO/Turing Institute national UK guidance on AI explainability  
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**To:** NIST Explainable AI

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Ethics Lead at the Alan Turing Institute and co-author of the United Kingdom's guidance (written with the Information Commissioner's Office) on explaining AI decisions, published this past May, after public consultation, here: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/key-data-protection-themes/explaining-decisions-made-with-artificial-intelligence/>

It strikes me that this should have been a relevant work to consult and assess as you were writing your *Four Principles of Explainable Artificial Intelligence*. And yet, I find no mention of it in your document. I am wondering if this was an oversight or simply a choice about relevant sources. Looking over your piece, I am inclined to think that the ICO/Turing guide might have expanded and enriched NIST's point of view.

All best wishes,

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