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Request

1) How many complaints has the ICO received in relation to data breaches per year since 2016 for the following three organisations:

- a) Copeland Borough Council*
- b) Sellafield Ltd*
- c) the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority*

2) How many rulings has the ICO issued in relation to data breaches (where breaches or poor management has been found) per year since 2016 for the following three organisations:

- a) Copeland Borough Council*
- b) Sellafield Ltd*
- c) the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority*

3) What is the total in fines that have been issued by the ICO in respect of breaches of data protection principles per year since 2016 for the following three organisations:

- a) Copeland Borough Council*
- b) Sellafield Ltd*
- c) the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority*

For clarification, 'data breaches' above refers to breaches of data protection principles.

Your request, received on 31 August 2023, has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Response

I can confirm that we hold some information in scope of your request.

We publish [datasets of our data protection complaints cases](#) on our website. You can search within the datasets to find the information you

are interested in. The outcome descriptions are explained in a document at the bottom of the above link.

Because this information is already available to you, it is technically withheld under section 21 of the FOIA.

The published datasets cover the period between January 2021 and March 2023.

We hold one data protection complaint about Copeland Borough Council that does not appear on the datasets. The case was closed on 5 October 2020 with an outcome of 'no further action'.

Older cases have been deleted in line with our retention schedule, so we are unable to provide figures for cases going back to 2016.

No fines have been issued to these organisations since 2016. For future reference, you can find information about [action we've taken](#) against organisations – such as monetary penalty notices – on our website.

This concludes our response to your request.

FOI review procedure

If you are dissatisfied and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you should write to the Information Access Team at the address below or e-mail icoaccessinformation@ico.org.uk.

Your request for internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Commissioner.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to this office in our capacity as the statutory complaint handler under the legislation.

To make such an application, please write to our Customer Contact Team at the address given or visit our website if you wish to make a complaint under the FOIA.

Your information

Please note that our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us and what your rights are. This includes entries regarding the specific purpose and legal basis for the ICO processing information that people that have provided us with, such as an [information requester](#).

The length of time we keep information is laid out in our retention schedule, which can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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