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Request

You asked us:

"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you relating to cybersecurity breaches.

I would like to know the following information:

The number of reports of data breaches received by the ICO between January and June 2023 (Q1 and Q2)

The publication date for the 2023 Q3 statistics for reports of data breaches received by the ICO

The publication date for the 2023 Q4 statistics for reports of data breaches received by the ICO"

We received your request on 11 October 2023.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

Datasets

Section 21 FOIA

You can access the information you have requested here in our "Self-reported personal data breach cases" datasets:



https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/our-information/complaints-and-concerns-data-sets/self-reported-personal-data-breach-cases/

The relevant data is contained in these two datasets:

- Self-reported personal data breach cases Q4 2022/23
- Self-reported personal data breach cases Q1 2023/24

We categorise the cases into either "Cyber" or Non-Cyber" cases.

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

Section 21 states that we don't need to provide you with a copy of information when you already have access to it.

Publication dates

We do not have a confirmed date for the publication of the datasets for the rest of the datasets for 2023/24.

However, we are currently aiming to publish datasets for each quarter in the relevant following quarter.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure here.

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can raise a complaint through our website.



Your information

Our <u>Privacy notice</u> explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found <u>here</u>.

Yours sincerely



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