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Request

You asked us:

"I have been informed by a law firm (Blair and Bryden) that they have had a breach [...]. Could you confirm this has been reported and on which date it was reported on for my own records?"

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

Our response

We can confirm that the law firm Blair & Bryden have reported a data breach to the ICO. They first referred the data breach to the ICO on 26 April 2023 and an investigation into an incident is ongoing.

Please be advised that we will likely be unable to provide further details at this time. As the investigation is ongoing, information regarding the case would likely be withheld under Section 30 of the FOIA.

However, it may be helpful for you to review <u>our guidance to organisations on</u> <u>personal data breaches</u> on our website.

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 <u>raise a complaint through our website</u>.

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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