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## **Request**

You asked us: "I wish to request a list, ideally as a spreadsheet in MS Excel format, of the names of all the UK parish councils that have received 20 or more ICO Decision Notices [DN's] (for FOIA cases only) since 1st January 2014, together with the actual number of Decision Notices received by each of these parish councils."

We received your request on 6 August 2023.

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

## Our response

Having searched our records, we can confirm we hold information in the scope of your request.

The ICO publishes all DN's on our website. As such, you can access the information you have requested here: | Search | ICO

As the requested 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.

Please note, the above link will also contain DN's issued under Environmental Information Requests as it not possible to search solely for FOIA DN's. However, we do make it obvious which legislation the DN was issued under as this is provided below the summary.

Please also note, there is different FOIA <u>legislation</u> in place in Scotland and the ICO is not the regulator for this. If you wish to know about Parish Councils there, you will need to contact the <u>Scottish Information Commissioner</u>.

## **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 <u>here</u>.

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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