

8 September 2023

Case reference: IC-250806-Z1N6

We are now in a position to respond to your information request.

Request

*"1. The date you were advised of this theft/ data breach , given that the theft occurred on 6 July 2023?
2. Why you reached the decision you did not to investigate this further , why did you not deem this matter serious enough to progress as a serious data breach ?"*

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

Our response

The incident matching your description was reported to the ICO by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) on 1 August 2023 and was looked at under case reference IC-248937-K3Y2. The outcome on the case is recorded as 'informal action taken', with detail 1 as 'breach recorded – regulatory action criteria not met' and detail 2 as 'advice given'.

We have enclosed the ICO's outcome letter to PSNI on the case, along with the internal decision record entry for IC-248937-K3Y2. A small amount of information contained within the ICO letter has been redacted pursuant to section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3)(a)(i), which is the exemption under FOIA concerning third party data.

We adopt a risk based approach to the regulatory action we take. You can find further details on our regulatory approach online [here](#). If we decide to take action against an organisation it will be published on our website [here](#).

The decision on an individual data breach case is informed by the details provided to us by the organisation. We have published our internal guide to assessing personal data breaches on our disclosure log [here](#). This provides information on the factors we consider when looking into these incidents.

It is important to note that whilst we may not take formal regulatory action on every personal data breach reported to us, we can use this to inform a picture of compliance for an organisation over time. We may make additional enquiries on a case if we become aware of new information or if further incidents are brought to our attention.

This concludes our response to your request. We hope you found this information helpful.

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 [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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