

28 July 2023

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Request

You asked us:

"I have been dealing with these three legal entities, all based at 98 Dresden Road London. Katherine Alexander Theodotou (KAT) t/a Highgate Hill Solicitors (HHS), Highgate Hill Solicitors Ltd t/a Highgate Hill Solicitors (HHS Ltd) and K Alexandrou Theodotou LLC (KAT LLC). I originally sent my data and private information to KAT t/a Highgate Hill Solicitors in December 2013. Could you confirm whether this company has ever been registered with the ICO, and if so for how many years. On 01 September 2022 Highgate Hill Solicitors Ltd claimed to be the natural successor to KAT t/a HHS. Could you confirm whether HHS Ltd was ever on the ICO register and for how many years. I believe it was added in October 2020 or 2021 (even though it was a dormant company that has never traded) and may only have been on the register for a year. KAT LLC is now occupying the premise of 98 Dresden Road, London and has unfettered access to HHS' files. Can you confirm whether KAT LLC has ever been on the ICO register. I can't find it currently. I have been unable to recover my information and data from this address and I need to make a formal complaint. Could you also confirm please, whether a foreign company, with an established UK office needs to register with the ICO and pay a fee because it is handling the information of UK clients in the UK. I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks."

We received your request on 11 July 2023.

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

Our response

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

Our register contained an entry for Katherine Alexander Theodotou/Highgate Hill Solicitors Limited under reference ZA554556.

This registration had a start date of 4 October 2019 and an expiry date of 3 October 2022. The registration was cancelled on 27 October 2022.

We were not able to locate any information on the other two companies you referred to in your request.

This concludes our response to your information request.

Your correspondence also included an enquiry, regarding whether overseas businesses who operate in the UK are required to be registered. Whilst this question is best addressed to our advice teams, who can be contacted via the helpline on 0330 123 1113, I can advise that data controllers in the UK who are not exempt are required to register with ourselves. Our [data protection fee FAQs](#) have more information.

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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