

1 September 2023

**IC-254846-L6N8**

**Request**

We received your request on 30 August. You asked for the following information:

*I am writing to request the following information relating to:*

- *A copy of all correspondence between the Information Commissioner's Office and the Home Office on the subject of the facial recognition company Facewatch in since March 2023*
- *A copy of all internal correspondence within the ICO about the decision to close the investigation into Facewatch*
- *A copy of any decision, or similar, outlining the ICO's conclusions and next steps from said investigation*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA). As you are probably aware, this legislation provides public access to recorded information held by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

**Our response**

We do hold information within the scope of your request.

For the first two parts of your request, we have disclosed, as far as we are able to, copies of the requested correspondence in response to a previous request and that response is now available on our website [here](#).

Where information included within the disclosure bundles have been redacted, the information is withheld pursuant to s.40(2) FOIA, s.42 FOIA, s.31 FOIA and s.44 FOIA- full explanation of this is provided in the response letter available on the above referenced web page.

For the third part of your request, we have separately disclosed a copy of our final decision letter to Facewatch in response to another request, and our response is available on our website [here](#). Where information contained in that letter is redacted, the information is withheld pursuant to s.44 FOIA, with full explanation of this provided in our response letter which is available on the same page.

This concludes our response.

### **FOI review procedure**

If you are dissatisfied and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you should write to the Information Access Team at the address below or e-mail [icoaccessinformation@ico.org.uk](mailto:icoaccessinformation@ico.org.uk).

Your request for internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Commissioner.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to this office in our capacity as the statutory complaint handler under the legislation.

To make such an application, please write to our Customer Contact Team at the address given or visit our website if you wish to make a complaint under the FOIA.

### **Your information**

Please note that our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us and what your rights are.

This includes entries regarding the specific purpose and legal basis for the ICO processing information that people that have provided us with, such as an [information requester](#).

The length of time we keep information is laid out in our retention schedule, which can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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