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Request

We received your request on 26 September. You asked for the following information:

I am requesting information to ask if the ICO has investigated/took action against the Scottish association for Mental Health?

The data breach information

<https://www.samh.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/samh-annoucenment-cybersecurity-attack>

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 some information within the scope of your request. A data breach matching the description you provided was reported to the ICO on 18 March 2022. The ICO investigated but closed the case on 27 September 2022, determining that no regulatory action was necessary.

If you wish to raise a data protection complaint about the handling of your personal data in connection with this incident, you can do so via the ICO's website [here](#).

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.

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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