

1 December 2023

Case reference IC-268272-X1M3

Request

You asked us:

"Specifically, I am interested in the following information:

- i. The total number of FOI requests made to PRPs in the UK each year, from 2014 to present.*
- ii. The breakdown of FOI requests by demography covering the below:*
 - Age – including older and younger people.*
 - Disability, including those with physical disabilities, unseen disabilities, and mental health issues.*
 - Sex– both men and women*
 - Gender reassignment or gender identity, including trans staff and students who have transitioned, are thinking of transitioning or are in the process of transitioning from one gender to another, and non-binary staff and students (those who do not identify with, or reject gender labels)*
 - Marriage and civil partnership*
 - Pregnant people and those on maternity leave*
 - Race and ethnicity, which includes a person's nationality, colour, native language, culture, and geographic origin.*
 - Religion and belief – which includes those with no religion or belief.*
 - Sexual orientation- including gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and straight staff, and students.*
- iii. The average time it takes PRPs to respond to FOI requests.*

- iv. *The number of FOI requests that are refused, and the reasons for refusal.*
- v. *The type/topic of FOI requests made to PRPs."*

We received your request on 3 November 2023.

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

Our response

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Please note that PRPs are not subject to the FOIA, as they are not designated as "public authorities" under the FOIA. This means they do not technically receive requests under the FOIA.

Regardless, we do not hold the range of information you have requested.

You may need to approach the individual providers themselves to check if they can provide you any insight into the requests or enquiries they receive. However, as above, they will not have obligations under the FOIA and this would also apply to any requests you direct to them yourself.

If you need any further guidance about FOIA, you can consult the material on our website: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi-eir-and-access-to-information/>

If you need more advice or guidance directly from our staff, you can ask us through our website as well: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/advice-and-services/>

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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