

**Date:** 5 December 2023

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**Request**

You asked us:

*"In a recent interview, Information Commissioner John Edwards said:*

*"We are also naming; we are issuing reprimands more and we are publishing them more. So that's a new phenomenon under my leadership of the organization," he said. "And for the people who say, 'you don't enforce, this is a slap over the wrist with a wet bus ticket,' they should see the threats of litigation we get over the prospect of being publicly named. These are real sanctions, because then there's a public accountability."*

*The interview can be found here: <https://mlex.shorthandstories.com/in-cases-like-snap-ai-chatbot-edwards-seeks-agile-enforcement-for-final-three-years-as-ico-chief/index.html>*

*Please disclose the names of companies who have threatened litigation when there has been a prospect that they would be publicly named in a reprimand published by the ICO. This should only apply to reprimands that have now been finalised - I do not seek the names of any companies or other defendants whose reprimands have yet to be published, or when the ICO ultimately decided not to issue a reprimand.*

*If you cannot name the issuers of those threats, please provide the number of cases in which the above has occurred during commissioner John Edwards' tenure."*

We received your request on 6 November 2023. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

## Our response

I have consulted with the teams who can issue reprimands to determine if we hold any information in scope of the parameters of your request. I can confirm that we do not hold any information in scope of your request.

For context, I can confirm that we have received threats of legal action in the context of issuing a reprimand. However, taking into account the wording of your request, these are either not finalised or the ICO chose not to issue a reprimand and are therefore not in scope of your request.

## 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](#) on our website.

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 sets out [your rights](#). Our [Retention and Disposal Policy](#) details how long we keep information.

Yours sincerely



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