

8 January 2024

**IC-278272-S8Z9**

**Request**

You asked us:

*"Additionally, when corresponding with the public authority they stated on two occasions that they had consulted with the ICO, and had based their response on advice received via this consultation. I have attached evidence of these statements. Could I please ask for details of this consultation, as the actions contained in your letter (which I agree with) would appear to be at odds with whatever advice the public authority claims to have received from the ICO. Please advise if I need to put this request in an FOI to the ICO."*

This relates to a complaint that you made under FOI against Shimna Integrated College under the reference IC-275585-Z6T4.

We received your request on 20 December.

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

**Our response**

We do not hold any information within the scope of your request. I have searched our case management system and have been unable to find any record of advice provided by the ICO to Shimna Integrated College as described in your request.

We would add that this does not mean that the College did not contact us for advice about this matter, Public Authorities may contact us informally over the phone for advice on handling FOI requests and where this occurs and no written correspondence is generated we do not keep records of such contact and calls are not recorded or transcribed.

## 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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