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We are now in a position to respond to your information request of 10 January.

Request

"This FOIA concerns artificial intelligence – as the ICO notes this is an umbrella term – it could include for example systems or tools primarily designed to process data (text, numbers, images or audio) using algorithm/machine learning technology, or systems that explicitly make use of AI models (LLM's, chatbots etc).

Under FOIA can you please provide:

The number of times since 01/01/2023 the ICO has been asked to a) carry out an audit b) provided written guidance, concerning proposed or planned new uses of artificial intelligence

- 1) Central government ministerial departments*
- 2) UK police forces*

Additionally please supply a) the name of the department or force b) the title and summary description of the purpose of the proposed system you were asked to audit/provide guidance o) a copy of any guidance sent, or summary of audit findings."

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

Our response

We have interpreted your request to be about requests we have received from these organisations to carry out an audit (a), provide written guidance (b), concerning proposed or planned new uses of artificial intelligence (AI) since 1 January 2023.

Having consulted with relevant teams within the ICO, we can confirm we do not hold information within scope of your request. We have not been asked by these organisations to carry out an audit or provide written guidance on proposed or planned new uses of AI in this timeframe.

Advice and assistance

We publish details of the data protection audits we have conducted on our website [here](#). This is in line with the 'Communicating our regulatory and enforcement activity policy', available online [here](#).

You may find our [response](#) to a previous information request on our disclosure log about AI data protection audits helpful on this topic.

Below are a number of links on our website that may be useful in your area of interest.

[Our work on Artificial Intelligence](#)
[AI and data protection risk toolkit](#)
[A Guide to ICO Audit Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Audits](#)
[Office for Artificial Intelligence white paper: AI regulation](#)
[Information Commissioner's Opinions](#)
[Data Protection Impact Assessments \(DPIAs\)](#)
[Action we've taken](#)
[UK GDPR guidance and resources](#)

We have also recently launched a consultation series on generative AI. You can find further details online [here](#).

This concludes our response to your request. We hope you found this information helpful.

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](#).

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Yours sincerely



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