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Request

You asked us:

"I'm looking for general statistical information to emphasis the importance of digital/data security.

Would you have a pre-written article or research paper that you could direct me to please?

I'm mainly looking for statistical information that resulted in companies being fined or prosecuted as the result of loss of information; particularly if the statistics also shows the source and method of breach."

We received your request on 21 March 2024.

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

Our response

I can confirm that we hold some information in scope of your request. We do not hold a pre-written article or research paper regarding our approach to monetary penalties, but we publish information on all monetary penalties that we do issue.

Our [Action we've taken](#) page holds information on our regulatory action. Monetary penalties specifically are listed on our [enforcement action](#) page, and for each of these we publish the penalty notice itself which contains further information on why a particular fine has been issued. Whilst not all of these will specifically relate to data breaches, you should be able to find information on when we have issued fines relating to data breaches here.

Please note that this page only holds information on penalty notices for the past two years. Older versions of this page can be found on the National Archives' UK

Government Web Archive at [this page](#), if you are interested in older examples.

Finally, a spreadsheet of monetary penalties we have issued since 2010 can be found [here](#), which includes a column on the nature of the infringement.

The above information is technically exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOIA as it is available to you through means other than by making an FOIA request.

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

Yours sincerely



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