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Case reference: IC-298147-M5H0

We are now in a position to respond to your information request of 3 April.

Request

"pls provide the first iteration of your guidance How sections 23 and 24 interact. Provide the date of first publication."

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

Our response

We understand your request relates to the guidance we have on our website regarding the interaction of sections 23 and 24 of the FOIA, available [here](#).

We can confirm we hold some information within scope of your request. The first version we hold of this guidance is dated 26 September 2012 and is marked as version 1.0.

We do not hold the date of when this guidance was published on our website but it will have been shortly after 26 September 2012.

You can access this guidance on The National Archives website, which holds archived versions of the ICO website. In 2012, the ICO website address was www.ico.gov.uk. The link to the landing page for the archives for www.ico.gov.uk is provided below.

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/timeline/https://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Searches of these records indicate the first archived webpage showing this guidance is dated 15 October 2012 (via the link from 12 October 2012 on the landing page). The link to the 'Guidance index: freedom of information, environmental information' webpage archived on 15 October 2012 (date at top of page) is provided below. This lists the section 23/24 guidance.

https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20121015181057/http://www.ico.gov.uk/for_organisations/guidance_index/freedom_of_information_and_environmental_information.aspx#freedom

The published information within scope of your request is technically withheld under section 21 of the FOIA, which explains that we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you from another source.

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](#).

Your information

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Yours sincerely



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