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Request

You asked us:

"We would be grateful if you would confirm whether or not this matter was in fact reported to you by the PSNI, and if so did you conclude that an unauthorised disclosure had been made. If so, what further action did you take."

We received your request on 7 December 2023. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

Following reasonable searches using the information that you provided in your email to us, I have been unable to find a personal data breach (PDB) which matches what you're looking for. I can therefore confirm we do not hold the information that you are seeking.

There are many reasons why we may not hold information. It is possible that, simply, the matter wasn't reported to us. You may be interested to know that not all PDBs need to be reported and it's possible that this one did not meet the threshold to report.

It is also possible that the breach could have been reported to us, but has since been deleted in line with our retention period. Alternatively, the organisation may have contacted us by telephone to discuss the matter and, following that discussion, decided that it did not need to be reported to us. As we do not record telephone calls, there would be no record of this.

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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