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## **ICO Case Reference IC-301907-S7X3**

### **Request for information**

Request received 19 April 2024:

*"Please can you confirm if the Met Office reported the alleged GDPR breaches to the ICO in December 2021, May 2022 and April 2024?"*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA). This legislation provides public access to recorded information held by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

### **Our response**

We do not hold information in scope of your request. We searched our casework management system but did not find a personal data breach (PDB) report matching the details you provided.

### **Further information**

Please be aware that due to the ICO [Retention and Disposal Policy](#), we do not hold casework records indefinitely.

You should also be aware that not every PDB is reportable to the ICO. In the event of a breach, an organisation must assess the risk to the individual(s) affected. We have guidance online for when and how to [Report a breach](#).

We may also have provided advice to data controllers by telephone to assist them with breach incidents. These calls are not recorded.

If you or another individual has been affected by a data breach and wish to raise a complaint with us, you can do so via the [Data protection and personal information complaints tool](#) on our website.

We publish details of [Personal data breach cases](#) reported to us in our [Complaints and concerns data sets](#). Some more serious PDBs are referred to our investigations department, and these are shown in the relevant investigations datasets.

This concludes our response to your request.

### **Next steps**

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing within 40 working days if you want us to carry out a review.

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 [raise a complaint](#) 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.

### **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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