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## Request

On 7 May 2024 you asked the ICO to confirm if a data breach notification had been received from SSCL (Shared Services Connected Limited) about '*a data breach to prison service workers in February 2020*', whether this was investigated and if any action was taken.

You then added '*it appears the ICO were alerted in December 2020 and by the MoJ*'.

You also asked if we are able to provide data sets from further back '*ie the last quarter of 2019/20*'.

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

## Response

We do not hold any information about a data breach that matches the description given in your request. Information about casework (including personal data breach reports) is retained in line with our [retention policy](#), which means that in most cases it will not be retained longer than two years.

While [the earliest PDB data set on our website](#) mentions a case reported by the MoJ in December 2020, there is no way for us to tell whether or not this relates to the specific matter cited in your request. This is because the detailed records associated with this case have not been retained (due to our retention policy as mentioned above).

We do not hold a data set that covers all data breaches reported during the last quarter of 2019/2020. Some older data sets can be found on archived versions of our website here:

[Find websites in the UK Government Web Archive - UK Government Web Archive \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

However the period you have enquired about coincided with a transfer from one case management to another, so (as stated on our website at the time), it was not possible for us to publish comprehensive datasets for all of 2019 and 2020.

A search of [our disclosure log](#) reveals that [we disclosed a list of MoJ breaches in response to a previous request](#). This list includes further breach reports from December 2020, although (as explained above) we do not retain any details that would enable us to match any of these with the breach described in your 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](#) 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