

12 August 2024

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Request

This part of our response will focus on the first set of questions you asked us:

"...I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1. The outcome of the last Data Protection audit where the ICO was audited but either internal or external auditors.*
- 2. The scope of this audit.*
- 3. The questions asked by the auditors during this audit.*
- 4. The answers provided to the auditors."*

We received your request on 12 July 2024.

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

Our response

Having conducted a reasonable search of our records, we can confirm that we do not hold information in the scope of your request. This is because it does not appear that the ICO has been subject to a data protection audit.

We can advise that the results of multiple audits are published on our [website](#). These tend to be listed as 'Internal Audit -' with links to the relevant audits below. An example, taken from 24 April 2023 website entry, is below:

5. Internal audit –

1. [Case Management](#) ↗
2. [Risk management](#) ↗
3. [Procurement and contract management](#) ↗
4. [Guidance development](#) ↗
5. [Civil monetary penalty recording](#) ↗
6. [Follow up report](#) ↗
7. [Annual report](#) ↗

One specific audit we would like to mention is the [information governance](#) audit. While not specifically a data protection audit, it did touch upon elements of data protection.

If you would like to know more information about this audit, or any others on our website, please feel free to submit further FOIA requests.

This concludes our response.

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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