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## Request

On 14 August 2024 you asked us:

I am looking for any data on prosecutions under s.77 FOIA (deleting/destroying information that has been requested) which I see ICO is the prosecuting authority for, and also any instances where an individual or organisation has been dealt with for contempt of court either for non-compliance with a decision notice or an ICO investigation. If you don't have a complete data set, just a few examples would be helpful.

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

## Response

There has been one prosecution and details can be found on the archived version of our website <a href="here">here</a>. Technically this information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with Section 21 of the FOIA as it is already available to you, although we have provided a link for your convenience.

We do not hold any further information that falls within scope of your request.

Please note that the ICO does not have power to institute proceedings for contempt of court. The courts usually deal with any contempt as it arises during the hearing of a case.

Please also note that we publish details about recent enforcement action <a href="here">here</a>, including <a href="prosecutions">prosecutions</a>. Older information can be found on the archived versions of our website <a href="here">here</a>. We also publish some information about complaints, investigations and other cases we deal with <a href="here">here</a>.



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 <u>raise a complaint</u> through our website.

## Your information

Our <u>privacy notice</u> explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and sets out <u>your rights</u>. Our <u>Retention and Disposal Policy</u> details how long we keep information.

Yours sincerely



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