18 September 2024

ICO Case Reference IC-329986-V4D0

Request for information

Request received 5 September 2024:

"I would like to know how many dawn raids the ICO has carried out since its inception."

We have interpreted your request to be for the number of search warrants executed by the ICO.

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 hold information in scope of your request. We do not retain records indefinitely and so do not hold information as far back as the inception of the ICO. Information is deleted in line with our [Retention and Disposal Policy](#).

The figures held are as follows:

Calendar Year	No. of search warrants executed
2019	7
2020	2
2021	3
2022	2
2023	13
2024 to date	2

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 remain dissatisfied, you can raise a complaint to the ICO as regulator of the Freedom of Information Act. 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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