

29 October 2024

## Case Reference IC-336056-V7H7

### Request

You asked us:

*"What is the status of the ICO's "guidance pipeline"? (<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/our-information/our-strategies-and-plans/ico25-strategic-plan/annual-action-plan-october-2022-october-2023/empower-responsible-innovation-and-sustainable-economic-growth/> refers).*

*Has the ICO begun work on a "code of practice on the retention of and access to records known to relate to child sexual abuse" (IICSA recommendation accepted by the Government)."*

We received your request on 4 October 2024.

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

### Our response

The 'pipeline' has now been published, but it's now called [Our plans for new and updated guidance | ICO](#). It went live on 7 October 2024.

Section 128 of the Data Protection Act 2018 sets out that the Secretary of State may by regulations require the Information Commissioner to prepare codes of practice.

The ICO hasn't been asked to produce a code of practice in relation to the IICSA (the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) recommendation.

The ICO has done some preliminary work on how we could support the aims of IICSA's recommendation by helping organisations comply with existing legal obligations around retention periods and access to records.

## 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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