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Request

On 11 October 2024, you stated to us: "I am writing to confirm whether the Information Commissioner's Office has received any reports regarding a data breach involving my personal information. Recently, I was notified by the Home Office [HO] about a breach that potentially affected my data, and I would like to validate the authenticity of this notification. Could you please confirm if there has been any report filed with your office regarding this incident? If so, I would appreciate any additional information you can provide about the nature of the breach and any steps being taken to address it."

The ICO contacted you for clarification on 17 October 2024 asking for more information regarding the breach. You responded to this on 17 October 2024 and provided a letter from the HO which detailed the circumstances of the breach and provided dates.

We received your request on 17 October 2024 as this was the date we received your response to our clarification.

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 the HO has not reported a data breach to us which matches the situation described in their letter to you.

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 <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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