

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Decision notice**

**Date:** 6 September 2024

**Public Authority:** The Governing Body of University of Bedfordshire

**Address:** Vicarage Road  
Luton  
LU1 3JU

**Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from The Governing Body of University of Bedfordshire on 16 May 2024:

"1. A list of any and all meetings between the police and any university staff which have taken place at your university since 1 October 2023 to discuss Pro-Palestine protest activity, including but not limited to:

- Encampments
- Chanting
- Written or verbal comments
- Flyering

2. For each of the meetings covered under the scope of question 1, please provide the:

- A. The meeting agenda
- B. The list of attendees and apologies
- C. Meeting minutes
- D. Any presentations shown at the meeting
- E. Documents circulated during the meeting

3. Please provide copies of all emails sent and received by your university staff and the police liaison officer and/or local police force since 1 October 2023 discussing Palestine protest activity on your campus.

4. Have the police informed your university that they used facial recognition technology at any Palestine protests which have taken place on your campus since 1 October 2023?

5. If the answer to Q4 is yes, please specify:

A. The date(s) of the protest(s) in relation to which officers used facial recognition

B. The type(s) of facial recognition used (i.e Live Facial Recognition, Retrospective Facial Recognition, Operator-initiated facial recognition)"

**Commissioner's Decision:**

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

**Steps:**

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

**Right of Appeal:**

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF**