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Request

You asked us: *"How many data breaches were reported to you in the last five financial years by the following Local Authorities:*

Basildon Borough Council
Brentwood Council
Castle Point Council
Southend Council
Thurrock Council

And the number of those reports which resulted in you taking some form of action."

We received your request on 23 April 2025.

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

Our response

Having searched our records, we can confirm that we hold some information in the scope of your request.

Please find attached a copy of the information you have requested. This shows how many data breaches there has been for each council and the actions we have taken.

You may find it useful to know that we upload information about the data breach cases we receive via our [datasets](#).

Please note, we do not hold information as far back as five years. This is in accordance with our retention policy. Copies of our older datasets are held by The National Archives, who are a third party, and can be accessed [here](#).

The website path to older datasets is likely to be:

About the ICO>Our Information>Complaints and Concerns Datasets>Self Reported Personal Data Breach Cases

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 [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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