

12 March 2025

Ref: IC-362524-Z1N3

Request

You asked us:

"Please disclose all internal correspondence that relates to the ICO's response to this news article: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cglyjn7le2ko>

In order to narrow things down, please only conduct a search starting from 1 February 2025."

We received your request on 12 February.

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

Our response

We do hold some information within the scope of your request.

We attach a copy of one email that we hold that falls within the scope of this request. Nothing further is held. Some additional discussions about the wording of the response were conducted over Teams but these are no longer held due to retention schedules.

Advice and assistance

Some small changes were made to the statement after the disclosed email, before it was provided to the BBC. I attach a copy of the final statement additionally for context, although it is outside of the scope of your request.

We have also attached a copy of a blog post which is due to go live on LinkedIn tomorrow, which adds context to this 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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