

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 9 April 2025

Public Authority: Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

Address: Town Hall
Knowsley Street
Bury
BL9 0SW

1. Request and Response:

The complainant requested the following information from Bury Metropolitan Borough Council ("the Council") on 15 January 2025:

I am writing to request information about your FOI compliance statistics and your publication scheme.

Please confirm whether your Council currently publishes compliance statistics in line with the code of practice and provide the relevant website link.

Please provide your latest compliance statistics for the quarter 1, 2 and 3 of financial year 2024/25. This should include all the information listed in the 'Key data' and 'Additional data' sections of the ICO collection tool.

For each quarter (2024/25) please provide:

1. Compliance rate (percentage of requests completed within 20 working days)
2. Total number of FOI requests received

3. Total number of EIR requests received
4. Total number of overdue requests
5. Total number of internal review requests received
6. Total number of internal review requests completed within 40 working days
7. Total number of internal review requests not completed within 40 working days

Please confirm receipt of this request by 20 January 2025, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above."

The Council provided a valid response on 26 February 2025.

2. 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, the public authority did not provide a valid response within the statutory time frame. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

3. 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

Website: 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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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