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#### Request

You asked us:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to know the following:

The number of GDPR whistleblower reports made against employers by employees broken down by year A breakdown of the above by type of complaint A breakdown of the above by industry sector

I would like the data broken down for each of the last five years with a year-end date of June 30 2024. If you cannot provide data for this year end date, then please provide data for whichever year-end is used internally."

We received your request on 6 September 2024.

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

### Our response

I can confirm that we hold information in scope of your request.

Please see attached a csv file which contains the number of whistleblower reports we have received by sector since 2022. Please note that we do not hold information older than this due to our retention period.

We do not record data on whistleblower reports by the type of complaint received. We therefore do not hold information in scope of the second part of your request.



We proactively publish information about whistleblower reports we have received in our <u>annual reports</u>. You may therefore find these useful. In our most recent <u>annual report</u>, the section on whistleblowing disclosures can be found on page 57, and contains information on the number of reports received and the action we have taken in response.

This concludes our response to your request.

## **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 <u>here</u>.

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 through our website</u>.

#### 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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