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**ICO Case Reference IC-360159-R0V5**

**Request for information**

Request received 31 January 2025 for:

“a copy of the requests for information to DeepSeek about the lawful basis for processing information to train AI and DPIAs.”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA). This legislation provides public access to recorded information held by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

**Our response**

We do not hold information in scope of your request. We have consulted with the relevant departments of the ICO. They advised that at the time of your request they had not contacted DeepSeek to request information on the topic of lawful basis for processing information to train Artificial Intelligence (AI), or about Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs).

**Further information**

You can find more information about [Our work on Artificial Intelligence](#) on the ICO website. We also have guidance and resources for organisations regarding use of [Artificial intelligence](#) and [Data Protection Impact Assessments \(DPIAs\)](#) on our website.

This concludes our response to your request.

## **Next steps**

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing within 40 working days if you want us to carry out a review.

You can read a copy of our full [review procedure](#) on our website.

If we perform a review but you remain dissatisfied, you can [raise a complaint](#) to the ICO as regulator of the Freedom of Information Act. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

## **Your information**

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Yours sincerely

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