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Request

You asked us:

"Please provide either the documents or references showing when and under what circumstances the ICO considers sanctions against a public authority that has failed to meet sections of the FoIA."

We received your request on 18 March 2025.

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

Our response

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

Our approach towards taking regulatory action under FOIA is covered by our [FOI and Transparency regulatory manual](#), as well as our [Regulatory Action Policy](#). These policies set out the criteria we consider and the way in which we use our powers when considering taking regulatory action against public authorities for non-compliance with the FOIA.

We can confirm that we do not hold any further information in scope of your request – there are no internal documents which set out our general approach towards taking regulatory action under the FOIA, as this is covered by the above policies.

You may also be interested in previous FOIA regulatory action we have taken. This information is [published on our website](#).

This information is technically withheld under section 21 of the FOIA, as it is

available to you by means other than through making a request under FOIA. Section 21 states that we don't need to provide you with a copy of information when you already have access to it.

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 [here](#).

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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