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Request

You asked us:

I would like to make a FOI request for any guidance or documents or a form of words produced or provided to the police or member of the government in relation to managing consent in regards mainly collecting consent via the use of TPM (Third Party Material) Request made by the Police or other authorities.

We received your request on 27 February 2025.

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

Our response

Conducting the searches necessary to confirm if we hold the information you have asked for would exceed the cost limit set out by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 states that the 'appropriate limit' for the ICO is £450. We have determined that £450 would equate to 18 hours work.

Our case management system is unable to run a quick automated report on this type of information you have requested. To locate the information you have requested would require a manual search of thousands of cases.

To provide some further information, all of our complaint, advice and personal data breach cases are held within our case management system known as ICE360. The type of information you have requested could be held within any of

these types of cases. It's also possible that the information you have requested could be held within other areas of the ICO.

Within our [Data protection complaints - data sets | ICO](#) we provide information about the data protection complaints we receive. If we only considered the most recently published dataset (Q2 2024/25), there are 1878 cases within the government and Justice sectors. Assuming that each search would take approximately 2 minutes to complete – and it is certain that some searches would take much longer than that - this would clearly exceed the 18 hours which would accrue a charge of £450 or more, triggering the provisions of section 12 of the FOIA.

Advice and assistance

You could narrow your search by asking for the requested information in relation to a specific organisation and within a specific timeframe. We would need to consider if it is in the public interest for us to dedicate the resources necessary to carry out this kind of search, or whether it represents an unreasonable burden on us as a public authority.

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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