



My Ref: FOI 5718
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Please provide the following information for each of the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025:

1. The total number of data security incidents or personal data breaches that were logged internally by the Council (i.e. recorded in your internal incident management or breach log), regardless of whether they were subsequently reported to any external body.

2. The total number of personal data breaches that were reported to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

For clarity, I am requesting figures only — not personal details of individuals affected, nor details of any specific incidents — so I do not anticipate that any exemptions under the Act would apply.

If the Council holds this information broken down by breach category or type (e.g. cyber incident, unauthorised disclosure, lost or stolen device, human error), I would welcome that additional breakdown, though I appreciate this may not be readily available and do not wish it to impede the core request.

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2020 – Information unavailable – retention period expired
2021 – Information unavailable – retention period expired
2022/23 Total number of incidents reported = 226
2023/24 Total number of incidents reported = 235
2024/25 Total number of incidents reported = 232

2. The total number of personal data breaches that were reported to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

2020 – Information unavailable – retention period expired
2021 – Information unavailable – retention period expired
2022/23 2 incidents were reported to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

2023/24 3 incidents were reported to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)
2024/25 2 incidents were reported to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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