

Freedom of Information request

Date received: 28 February 2015

Date of response: 15 March 2015

Information request

...details of breaches of the Data Protection Act within in your organisation; specifically I am asking for:

- 1a. Approximately how many members of staff do you have?
- 1b. Approximately how many contractors have routine access to your information?

- 2a. Do you have an information security incident/event reporting policy/guidance/management document(s) that includes categorisation/classification of such incidents?
- 2b. Can you provide me with a copy of the latest version of these document(s)? (This can be an email attachment or a link to the document on your publicly facing web site)

- 3a. Do you know how many data protection incidents your organisation has had since April 2011? (Incidents reported to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) as a Data Protection Act (DPA) breach)
Answer: Yes, No, Only since (date):
- 3b. How many breaches occurred for each Financial Year the figures are available for?
Answer FY11-12: FY12-13: FY13-14: FY14-15:

- 4a. Do you know how many other information security incidents your organisation has had since April 2011? (A breach resulting in the loss of organisational information other than an incident reported to the ICO, eg compromise of sensitive contracts or encryption by malware.)
Answer: Yes, No, Only since (date):
- 4b. How many incidents occurred for each Financial Year the figures are available for?
Answer FY11-12: FY12-13: FY13-14: FY14-15:

- 5a. Do you know how many information security events/anomaly your organisation has had since April 2011? (Events where information loss did not occur but resources were assigned to investigate or recover, eg nuisance malware or locating misfiled documents.)
Answer: Yes, No, Only since (date):
- 5b. How many events occurred for each Financial Year the figures are available for?
Answer FY11-12: FY12-13: FY13-14: FY14-15:

- 6a. Do you know how many information security near misses your organisation has had since April 2011? (Problems reported to the information security teams that indicate a possible technical, administrative or procedural issue.)

Answer: Yes, No, Only since (date):

6b. How many near-misses occurred for each Financial Year the figures are available for?

Answer FY11-12: FY12-13: FY13-14: FY14-15:

If the specific answers to 4, 5 and 6 are not readily available, I am content for these questions to be modified/replaced with similar questions that are derived from your organisations categorisation/classification system within the documents requested in question 2. I would need to first make an FoI request for question 2 in order to frame suitable questions 4, 5 and 6, then make a second request. Similarly calendar year can replace financial year. Please state in the reply if this option has been implemented. My preferred format to receive this information is electronically, but if that is not possible I will be willing to accept hard copy.

Response

The Social Security Advisory Committee (SSAC) is supported by a small secretariat (4.6 full-time equivalent staff on loan from the Department for Work and Pensions and HM Revenue and Customs).

I can confirm that SSAC holds no information for any of your specific questions. This is because, to the best of my knowledge, there have been no data security incidents, other security incidents, investigations or near-misses during the period to which you refer.