

**Central Services and Contingency
Planning Group**
Data Protection & Information
Management Branch



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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 9th August 2023 which sought the following information:

“Under FOI legislation please provide me with a breakdown of how many times your department has recorded data breaches (including those report by arms length bodies) during the last 10 years.

Please provide the breakdown in a Microsoft excel spreadsheet with the following column headings for each incident:

- *Year data breach recorded*
- *Month data breach recorded*
- *Name or service area where data breach occurred*
- *Short description of type of data breach that occurred*
- *What action was taken as a result of data breach”*

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is attached as Annex 1.

For information on data breaches from arm’s length bodies, you will need to contact those separately as they are separate legal entities in terms of the legislation.

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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