

FOI REF: 25/326

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please provide the following information about your procurement of any

- (i) external Data Protection Officer (DPO),**
- (ii) Data protection GDPR compliance services for the period FY2022-23 to FY2024-25:**

1. Current DPO arrangements:

1.1 Is the organisation's DPO and other staff that work on data protection compliance:

- (a) An internal employee.**

[Yes.](#)

- (b) A DPO provided by an external service provider.**

[No.](#)

- (c) Hybrid (internal staff with external service provider support).**

[No.](#)

1.2 Where services are provided by external providers, please share the following information:

[Not applicable, staff are internal.](#)

- (a) The Company name(s).**

[Not applicable.](#)

(b) Annual spend by your organisation (FY2022/2023 through to FY2024/2025).

Not applicable.

(c) The highest day rate paid.

Not applicable.

(d) Contract dates (start/end/renewal terms).

Not applicable.

(e) A brief description of the project or services provided (for instance, project title or internal reference).

Not applicable.

(f) Services covered (e.g., audits, breach management, SAR management, delivery of DPIAs),

- Please indicate what deliverables were produced.
- Procurement method (e.g., open competition, framework agreement, direct award) and name of the procurement framework, if applicable.

Not applicable.

2. Consultancy Spend:

2.1 What is the organisation's, total annual expenditure on data protection/GDPR consultancy services?

£0.00

2.2 For SoW/projects which have a spend of more than £5k), please share the following information:

- Supplier company name.
- The scope of the Project (e.g., "ICO investigation support", DPIA support, Internal Audit recommendation support).
- Spend.
- Procurement method.

Not applicable.

3. Data Protection Compliance staffing:

3.1 The Number of in-house data protection staff in the organisation? (FTE).

2 x 0.8 wte totalling 1.6 wte.

3.2 Are there any vacant roles? (Yes/No).

No.

3.3 Where there any ICO investigations, audits, or enforcement actions for the period from FY2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025?

From April 2022 – March 2023

ESHT reported 2 breaches to the ICO – both closed with no action.

From April 2023 – March 2024

ESHT reported 1 breach to the ICO – closed with no action.

From April 2024 – March 2025

ESHT reported 2 breaches to the ICO – closed with no action.

4. Future Plans:

4.1 Is your organisation planning to put out to tender for any DPO/GDPR services in the current financial year?

No.

4.2 If yes please provide the following:

- a) Expected timeline.
- b) Budget range.
- c) Key service requirements.
- d) Procurement method.

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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