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FOI:001

Dear FOI Team,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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
- (b) A DPO provided by an external service provider
- (c) Hybrid (internal staff with external service provider support)

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

- (a) The Company name(s)
- (b) Annual spend by your organisation (FY2022/2023 through to FY2024/2025)
- (c) The highest day rate paid
- (d) Contract dates (start/end/renewal terms)
- (e) A brief description of the project or services provided (for instance, project title or internal reference)
- (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.

2. Consultancy Spend

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

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

3. Data Protection Compliance staffing

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

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

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

4. Future Plans

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

4.2 If yes please provide the following:

Expected timeline

Budget range

Key service requirements

Procurement method

Fulfilment of this request

Format: Prefer CSV/Excel, Word or PDF or any commonly used filetype format.

If fulfilling the full request would exceed the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of

the Act, please provide as much of the information as possible within the limit, and

advise me under your obligations in Section 16 on how I may refine the request to

bring it within scope.

Deadline: 20 working days.

Please acknowledge receipt of this request at your earliest convenience.

If you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.



From: [Hendry, Angela](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI Acknowledgment
Date: 29 April 2025 10:11:00

Dear [REDACTED]

FOI Ref: 87775/25

Thank you for your request for information, dated 23 April 2025, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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:

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

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

- (a) The Company name(s)
- (b) Annual spend by your organisation (FY2022/2023 through to FY2024/2025)
- (c) The highest day rate paid
- (d) Contract dates (start/end/renewal terms)
- (e) A brief description of the project or services provided (for instance, project title or internal reference)
- (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.

2. Consultancy Spend

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

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

3. Data Protection Compliance staffing

3.1 The Number of in-house data protection staff in the organisation?

(FTE)

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

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

4. Future Plans

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

4.2 If yes please provide the following:

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The Commission aims to respond promptly and within the statutory deadline of 20 working days set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please expect a response by 22 May 2025.

In some cases a fee may be payable and if that is the case I will let you know. A fees notice will be issued to you, and you will be required to pay before I will proceed to deal with your request.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Kind regards

Angela Hendry

From: [Hendry, Angela](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI response
Date: 21 May 2025 08:16:00

Dear [REDACTED]

FOI Reference: 87775/25

Thank you for your request for information, dated 28 April 2025, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. **Please see our responses in bold to your questions below.**

You requested

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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

There are no specific in-house data protection staff in the Commission. As a small organisation, responsibilities for data protection are covered by a number of different roles. We do not contract an external data protection provider.

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

- (a) An internal employee
- (b) A DPO provided by an external service provider
- (c) Hybrid (internal staff with external service provider support)

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

- (a) The Company name(s)
- (b) Annual spend by your organisation (FY2022/2023 through to FY2024/2025)
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2. Consultancy Spend

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

The total expenditure on data protection/GDPR consultancy services is as follows:

2024-25 - £20,420

2023-24 - £20,213

2022-23 - £13785

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

In 24-25 - 2 SoW's which had a spend of more than £5K: Cyber Essentials + and Windows Defender

In 23-24 – 2 SoW's which had a spend of more than £5K: Cyber Essentials and Symantec

In 22-23 – 2 SoW's which had a spend of more than £5K: Cyber Essentials and symantec

- Supplier company name **We are unable to supply company details as the procurement process is covered by commercial sensitivity**
- The scope of the Project (e.g., "ICO investigation support";, DPIA support, Internal Audit recommendation support) • Spend • Procurement method

3. Data Protection Compliance staffing

3.1 The Number of in-house data protection staff in the organisation?

(FTE) **as per response to Q1**

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? **No**

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:

Expected timeline

Budget range

Key service requirements

Procurement method

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the reference number above in any correspondence.

If you are unhappy with the response or the way in which your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

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Kind regards

Angela

