
Re: Freedom of Information Request

From Information Boundary Commission for England <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>

Date Tue 07/04/2026 13:26

To [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Dear [REDACTED]

BCE-FOI-2026-03

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 4 April, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your request for information you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information for each calendar year from 2020 to 2026 inclusive:

1. The number of cyber security breaches that have being identified that were found to be a result of a malicious threat actor (i.e. not accidental data breach)
2. The breakdown in high-level causes of these breaches as identified by cyber security incident response teams (CSIRTs), for example (but not limited to) unpatched software/hardware, lack of multi-factor authentication (MFA), leaked user credentials, lack of in-transit encryption, etc
3. The number of breaches that occurred that were attributed to a previously known vulnerability to the organisations hardware, software, policies, or processes, for example where system was known to be at risk due to being unpatched or out of support, or security controls were recommended but not enforced, and was defined within the resulting incident response report.
4. The estimated combined costs incurred as a result of cyber security breaches defined in request number one in each year.

Our response:

No cyber security breaches have been identified during the period specified.

Under the provisions of the FOIA, if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. If this situation arises you should write to:

The Acting Secretary
Boundary Commission for England
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

Email: information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk

If you are not content with our response following an internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner

cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the BCE. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 April 2026 18:04

Subject: Freedom of Information Request

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No specific details are requested in relation to software/hardware utilisation, but rather high-level causes of breaches. I believe the high-level nature of this request does not allow for the use of s.31(1)(a) of the FOIA as this would not be likely to prejudice the security of your systems or data, as these are historical incidents which have since been dealt with. The public interest in understanding breach causes across public sector organisations outweighs the public interest in the exemption.

I would like you to provide the information in Word, Excel, or CSV format.

Please contact me if you need me to clarify my request.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.