F-2016-00060- Data Protection incidents

29 May 2016

Summary of request

The Authority was asked for information regarding breaches of the Data Protection Act within the HFEA.

HFEA response

I have provided the HFEA's responses to your questions below in blue:

1a. Approximately how many members of staff do you have?

I can confirm that the HFEA currently has 66 members of staff

1b. Approximately how many contractors have routine access to your information?

I can confirm that the HFEA currently has 1 agency staff member who has routine access to their information

2a. Do you have an information security incident/event reporting policy/guidance/management document(s) that includes categorisation/classification of such incidents?

I can confirm that the HFEA has developed an Information Security Policy

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)

I have attached a copy of the above mentioned policy to this email. The name of the document author has been redacted in line with the HFEA policy not to release staff members' personal information below director level.

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

3b. How many breaches occurred for each Financial Year the figures are available for?

Answer FY11-12: 0 FY12-13: 0 FY13-14: 1 FY14-15: 0

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

4b. How many incidents occurred for each Financial Year the figures are available for?

Answer FY11-12: 0 FY12-13: 0 FY13-14: 0 FY14-15: 0

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: I can confirm the HFEA does not record this information

5b. How many events occurred for each Financial Year the figures are available for?

Answer: I can confirm the HFEA does not record this information

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

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

Answer FY11-12: 0 FY12-13: 0 FY13-14: 0 FY14-15: 1