

## Upholding information rights

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Thomas Reynolds Via whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Thomas Reynolds,

We write in response to your information request of 7 February 2021. We are now in a position to respond. We apologise for the late response to your request.

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your 'right to know' under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

## Request

Has the Information Commissioner's Office received any complaints regarding Hardwicke Chambers barristers.

Please list the names of any barrister that you have received complaints against and any action taken against the chambers or barrister.

## Response

After conducting reasonable searches, we can confirm that we hold some information in scope of your request.

At the time your request was made, we held one data protection complaint about Harwicke Chambers on our casework management system. This was received on 2 November 2020 and closed on 15 March 2021 with an outcome of 'no further action'.

We do not record the chambers individual barristers belong to in an easily retrievable way on our casework management system. We have undertaken a manual search of the correspondence on all data protection complaints we hold in the 'Barristers' subsector, and it does not appear to be the case that any of those barristers belong to Hardwicke Chambers.

This concludes our response to your request.

## **Review Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with this response and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you can write to the Information Access Team at the address below or e-mail icoaccessinformation@ico.org.uk.

Your request for internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Commissioner.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to this office in our capacity as the statutory complaint handler under the legislation. To make such an application, please write to our FOI Complaints & Appeals Team at the address given or visit our website if you wish to make a complaint under the Freedom of Information Act.

A copy of our <u>review procedure</u> can be accessed from our website.

Yours sincerely

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