



Area overview

The public policy practice has been advising on freedom of information issues for many years, both on how and on how to keep information confidential. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 came fully into force on 1 introducing a new statutory right to publicly held information.

Individuals and businesses now, potentially, have access to a vast range of information collected or created by the public sector. The public policy practice have been active in assisting clients to make requests, in advising clients how best to protect information provided to government from being disclosed, and in drawing up and advising on internal mechanisms to deal with the legislation both for the public and the private sector.

We also advise public sector clients in dealing with FOI requests and assist in presenting legal arguments to the Information Office and to the Information Tribunal.