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Dear ██████████

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 which sought the following information:

“Please provide a summary of any similar personal data breaches involving the unauthorised disclosure of stakeholder contact details (including but not limited to email addresses) that have occurred within the Department over the past five years (2021–2026).”

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is below.

Between 2021 and 2026 there has been one (1) other data breach relating to an email being sent where the bcc facility was not utilised when it should have been. I have summarised the details for you below.

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Date of Incident	Summarised nature of breach	Severity	Categories of Personal Data	Internal or External	Number of individuals affected	Recorded as Personal Data Breach?	Reported to ICO?	Summary of corrective actions taken
11/04/2024	bcc not used	Minor	email addresses	External	10+	Yes	No	Staff retraining

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely

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