

27 January 2025

Case Reference: [REDACTED]

Dear Gresta Riccardo,

Thank you for your complaint about the way East Sussex County Council ('ESCC') has handled your request for erasure in relation to a Press Release and personal information related to a court case.

What we do

Part of our role is to consider complaints from individuals who believe that there has been an infringement of the data protection law.

The Data Protection Act 2018 requires us to investigate a complaint to the extent we feel is appropriate and to inform you of the outcome.

Our view of your complaint

I appreciate that you have contacted the Italian Data Protection regulator regarding this case. An assessment from the ICO is an opinion on whether an organisation has complied with the General Data Protection Regulations ('GDPR') only.

We have considered the issue you have raised with us. Based on this information, it is our view that ESCC **has not** infringed their data protection obligations.

I have looked through ESCC's response to your complaint sent via email on 1 October 2024, under reference number 19155565. ESCC has explained the reasons why they are unable to erase the publication. This is because there is a case with the Criminal Cases Review Commission and until there is an outcome from this case, they are unable to erase the data.

I can see they have mentioned the sentencing that stands ends in December 2024. I have spoken to ESCC on 27 January 2025, who have confirmed the case outcome with the CCRC may impact on this date, therefore whilst the case is still open the information will remain online.

The information is based on records held in the public domain which reiterates what happened in the court case. You could send through your erasure requests to ESCC to be considered once you have the outcome from the CCRC. Our opinion may be different from the Italian regulator but we cannot comment on that as we work on our own legislation, as ESCC is a council based in the UK and you'd need to be a resident to apply for your blue badge we have made our assessment.

An assessment from the ICO is not legally binding, for a more determined outcome, we strongly advise that you seek further legal advice.

What we will do

We keep a record of all the complaints raised with us about the way organisations process personal information.

We use complaints to build up a picture of an organisation's information rights practices so that we can identify and target poor performing organisations. Details of the [action we have taken](#) is available on our website.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely

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Feedback about our service

If you think we should have done something differently in how we have handled your concerns, or how we have treated you, please tell us.

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