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Request:

Concerning serious environmental offences such as illegal fly-tipping, the naming and shaming of individuals could be justified so as to increase its visibility and maximise its deterrent effect in the regulation of illegal dumping and unauthorised waste activity.

Under the Freedom of Information Act can you, please provide me with the following information :

*** Can you confirm if you publish on your website the names of individuals who are prosecuted or fined for environmental offences (littering, fly-tipping, illegal dumping or unauthorised waste activity)?**

o Please reference the specific parts of the applicable legislation that give you the powers to publish individuals names in the public domain

*** Can you confirm if you share with other organisations the names of individuals who are prosecuted for environmental offences (littering, fly-tipping, illegal dumping or unauthorised waste activity)?**

o Please reference the specific parts of the applicable legislation that give you the power to share these individuals names.

If you have completed a DPIA relating to same, please send me a copy.

****Response****

****We do not name and shame people for an alleged incident. At the time of issuing a fixed penalty notice for either littering or fly tipping it is still at that time an allegation of an offence. Payment of a fixed penalty notice by the recipient discharges their liability to conviction for the alleged offence. The payment does not constitute an admission of guilt but removes the possibility of the creation of a record of criminal conviction. If a case is heard in a public court, names would only be shared publicly after they have been convicted of an offence.****