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**Information Commissioner Issues Decision 16/2022**

Hamilton, Bermuda. On 19 May 2022, the Information Commissioner issued [Decision 16/2022, Bermuda Police Service](#) (BPS). The Applicant had submitted a public access to information (PATI) request to the BPS seeking records relating to conduct and other matters. The Information Commissioner found that the BPS did not issue an internal review decision to the Applicant within the 6-week timeline set out in the PATI Act. However, during the Information Commissioner's independent review, the BPS issued an internal review decision for the PATI request. As a result, the Information Commissioner does not require the BPS to take any further action with respect to [Decision 16/2022](#). This Decision does not address whether the BPS has properly denied access to the requested records. Rather, it addresses the basic obligation upon the BPS to respond to an internal review request within the statutory timeframe.

[Decision 16/2022](#) is available on [www.ico.bm](http://www.ico.bm).

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Editor's Notes:

The ICO is an independent public office responsible for promoting the use of and overseeing compliance with the Public Access to Information (PATI) Act 2010. The PATI Act gives the public a right to access records held by public authorities, subject to listed exemptions and administrative grounds for denial of access. Individuals who are dissatisfied with the response of a public authority may seek a review by the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner shall investigate and the decisions by the Information Commissioner are legally binding.

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