

Response

Thank you for your request for information, below, which we have processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The Gambling Commission is currently reviewing peer-to-peer poker and the regulations which govern this. More details of this can be found here: [link](#)

As part of this work, we have been asking licensees to provide us with information to help us assess the current controls that are in place. I can confirm that Playtech has provided the Commission with data relating to confiscated funds as part of this work.

Having considered the nature of this information and sought the views of Playtech, we are of the view that this information is exempt from disclosure under sections 41 and 43 of the FOIA. The information is of a commercially sensitive nature and it was provided to the Commission in confidence. This is explained in more detail in the attached.

I note that you refer to evidence of money being siphoned off by these companies. If there is information you are willing to provide in relation to this, I will pass it on to the relevant department who are currently looking at the controls around peer to peer poker so it can be fed into their assessment.

Review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your Freedom of Information request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to FOI Team, Gambling Commission, 4th floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Gambling Commission. The ICO can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Request

I would like to know if i am entitled to see the data regarding the repayment of confiscated funds from the ipoker poker network/playtech under the freedom of information act. It is my firm belief that money is being confiscated and not repaid to affected players in instances where player balances were confiscated owing to "collusion and cheating". I have significant evidence that the bulk of this money is being siphoned off by these companies.