

The "No" response in Section 1, Assertion 5 - the non-completion of the Risk Assessment - was due to the time spent dealing with the a number of unfounded complaints against a number of Councillors sent to Pendle Borough Council, who completed extensive investigation taking up valuable Clerk and Councillor time, the Council also received excessive Freedom Of Information requests again requiring many hours work by Clerk and Councillors, with subsequent Information Commissioner's Office intervention the FOI requests were found to be vexatious by the ICO. This had a significant impact on the Council's ability to complete the risk assessment in time for the audit. We now have a full Financial Risk Assessment in place.