Summary of Complaints Submitted to the SRA

Complaint Against Sean O'Connor – Head of Legal Services (Submitted 14 May 2025)

This complaint centres on **Mr O'Connor's role in obstructing lawful access to personal data** and undermining my efforts to obtain key evidence for an ongoing matter before the **Investigatory Powers Tribunal**. Key allegations include:

- **Misclassifying a Subject Access Request (SAR) as a Freedom of Information (FOI) request**, obstructing access to personal data protected under UK GDPR.
- **Coordinating the misuse of the term "vexatious"** as a strategic label to suppress evidence gathering and democratic engagement with councillors.
- **Using discriminatory and potentially ableist language** ("your inability to accept this") in formal correspondence, in breach of SRA Principle 6.
- **Issuing misleading statements** about the volume of my communications with councillors (falsely citing "143 emails") to justify punitive council policies.
- **Failing to secure or disclose surveillance data**, despite repeated requests and his knowledge of its legal relevance.
- **Neglecting legal duties under RIPA**, including failure to secure Forcepoint proxy logs despite their use in covert surveillance against me.

Complaint Against Claire Porter – Director of Governance and Law (Submitted 18 May 2025)

This complaint focuses on **Ms Porter's systemic failures to safeguard evidence, uphold transparency, and challenge internal misconduct** during a multi-year pattern of surveillance and data handling violations. Key allegations include:

- **Failure to secure or disclose website and social media monitoring logs**, despite specific SARs and knowledge of the Council's use of Forcepoint proxy servers.
- **Submission of a false certificate to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal (October 2023)**, asserting full evidence disclosure when significant surveillance data was withheld.
- **Contravening the Council's own RIPA policies**, by allowing prolonged monitoring of my platforms without lawful authorisation or oversight.
- **Failure to act on a SAR dated 13 April 2022**, which explicitly requested data later shown to exist.
- **Neglecting to challenge the strategic misuse of the "vexatious" label** by Mr O'Connor and others, despite being directly responsible for governance and compliance.

Both complaints cite **serious breaches of SRA Principles 1, 2, 5, and 6**, along with multiple violations of the Code of Conduct.