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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Ofcom's regulations and UK media reporting about Covid-19 and Covid vaccines. Your request was received on 20 December 2021 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

Please provide copy of OFCOM's regulations surrounding what UK media can and cannot report about Covid-19 and Covid Vaccines.

Your request

I am pleased to advise that you can find information related to your request on our webpage [Broadcast standards during the coronavirus pandemic](#) and in recent published responses to similar Freedom of Information requests here:

[reassurance-from-broadcasters-re-covid-messages.pdf \(ofcom.org.uk\)](#)

[Background-to-Covid-19-guidance-to-all-broadcasters-regulated-by-Ofcom.pdf](#)

[Covid-19-active-and-passive-guidance-P.pdf \(ofcom.org.uk\)](#)

[media-coverage-of-covid-19-vaccines.pdf \(ofcom.org.uk\)](#)

If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

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Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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