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## Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information in relation to psychological thrillers. We received this request on 8 March and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

I am an A-level media student and I am currently writing an extended project on 'to what extent do audiences support fictional psychopaths in psychological thrillers' therefore I was hoping there would be statistics which tell you how many people do support them, for example, Joe Goldberg in the series 'you'. In a real world most people would believe he should go to prison which is why this topic is controversial as many people would not like nor support his actions, similarly to Dexter.

## Our response

Unfortunately Ofcom does not hold any statistics or information in relation to your request.

If you have any queries, then please contact <u>information.requests@ofcom.org.uk</u>. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

**Eleanor Scott** 

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.

## 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 <a href="mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk">information.requests@ofcom.org.uk</a>.

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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office <a href="here">here</a>. Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office

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