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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information for the last five years involving the amateur radio service.

We received this request on 19 October 2022 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request and our response

You requested the following information covering the last five years.

'1. How many reports of deliberate jamming;

50¹

2. How many of the above reports resulted in Ofcom investigating the complaint;

14

3. How many reports of on air abusive language;

83

4. How many of the above reports resulted in Ofcom investigating the complaint;

24

5. How many reports of language which would constitute a hate crime;

19 - This is the number of reports relating to cases where the language could potentially be considered a hate crime based on the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) guidance.²

¹ 50 cases as reported, this does not mean that deliberate jamming has actually taken place, it is the perception of the person making the report and the interference they have experienced, which may be due to a number of factors other than deliberate interference.

²Ofcom's powers do not extend to the investigation of hate crime, it is for the police to investigate and determine if a hate crime has occurred. Ofcom uses the CPS guidance on hate crime as basis on which to advise complainants to Ofcom of a hate crime to contact the police to investigate.

6. *How many requests from the police to assist with reports of language which would constitute a hate crime'.*

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I hope this information is helpful. 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,

Gloria Akinyemi

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 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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#).

Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

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