

Reference: 01586609

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning the LGB Alliance's address being provided among documentation for freedom of information case # 01513037. Your request was received on 20 March 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

Your request

Ofcom's Freedom of Information published records do not, so far as I'm aware, mention any communication from the LGB Alliance with advice to use the postal address in question.

Your letter to the LGB Alliance on 5th August 2022 was sent via email, so there appears to be no valid reason to add the (hitherto never used) postal address.

Ofcom's FOI department failed to redact the address, despite redaction of all other contact details on that document.

So please could you assist further?

Our response

As you know, in November 2022 Ofcom has previously released information in relation to previous correspondence and meetings with the LGB Alliance. In particular, the document [Annex 5: Email – organising meeting with LGB Alliance 8 August 2022](#) contains correspondence relating to the organisation of a meeting between Ofcom and the LGB Alliance that took place in September 2022. Ofcom suggested to the LGB Alliance that in order to make the most effective use of the time when Ofcom and the LGB Alliance met, Ofcom should write to the LGB Alliance ahead of that meeting setting out various clarifications and corrections that Ofcom felt was necessary in relation to a Spectator article about which the LGB Alliance had raised concerns to Ofcom. Accordingly, Ofcom sent a [letter to the LGB Alliance on 5 August 2022](#).

The address shown on the [letter to the LGB Alliance](#) was provided to Ofcom by the LGB Alliance. The LGB Alliance did not inform Ofcom that it was an address that couldn't be released publicly, so it was regarded as an address that was in the public record. Therefore the Information Requests team had no reason to redact the address. Further, at no time since we sent the letter dated 5 August 2022

has the LGB Alliance made any representations or otherwise complained to Ofcom that the address shown on the letter was in any way confidential.

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.

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:

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