

Reference: 01585532

Information Requests information.requests@ofcom.org.uk

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# Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning certain telephone numbers. Your request was received on 16 March 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

#### Your request

Could you please let me know who keeps calling me on these number

01902 697999,

01907 445997,

07402 791230,

0161 394 1592,

07989 316265,

0151 947, 0705

They do not leaving a VM, I have google the number they seem to have no legitimate UK address,

May be out of UK fraudsters/scammers and in breach of National Security

# Our response

We note that you have made a number of requests querying certain telephone numbers. As advised previously, Ofcom do not hold information on individual telephone numbers. We therefore do not hold information about the numbers you are querying.

As the communications regulator, we are responsible for managing the allocation of UK numbering resource which we allocate to Communications Providers ("CP") such as BT, TalkTalk, or Sky. We allocate geographic number ranges to CPs in block sizes of 10,000 and 1,000 depending on the geographic area and mobile number ranges in block size of 100,000 It is only CPs who have the end user information about specific phone numbers.

Please note that telephone numbers beginning with 01907 do not form part of the UK telephone numbering scheme, managed by Ofcom. This number may have been deliberately forged or spoofed to disguise the identity of the caller. We have further information on number spoofing on our website here: <a href="https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/scams/phone-spoof-scam">https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/scams/phone-spoof-scam</a>

It might be helpful to refer to information that we have on our website about <u>unwanted calls and messages</u>.

If you have any further queries, then please send them to <a href="mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk">information.requests@ofcom.org.uk</a> quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

### Information Requests

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 Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF