

Reference: 01586651

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for the information as detailed below. We received this request on 20 March 2023. We have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”).

Your request

We request disclosure of the following documents:

For the period from 1991 until 2003 Asbestos Surveys and Registers and documents referring to the presence of Asbestos containing materials at the premises occupied by the Radio Communications Agency (comprising the main building and East Wing) at Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe, Surrey.

Our response

We have conducted searches and can confirm we hold the following documents which fall within the scope of your request (attached):

- Electronic Auction Support Project: September Monthly Report (dated 18 October 2000)
- Electronic Auction Support Project: October Monthly Report (dated 9 November 2000)
- Emails with the subject ‘Monthly report on the electronic auctions suite project’

Please note that the names of individuals within these documents have been redacted as we consider that this information is personal data and is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Section 40(2) provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. This includes the principle that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the FOI Act and does not require a public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any queries, then please contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk. Please remember to quote 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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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