

Reference: 1640009

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information regarding applicants to Ofcom's interns programme which was received on 5 July 2023 and has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the FOI Act').

Your request

"I request demographic information (where possible) for APPLICANTS of interns for OFCOM Summer 2023. Please include all applicants whether they were accepted or not. I do not require any personal information, just:

Age

Ethnicity

Region of Origin in the UK

Sex"

Our response

Please find below the information we are able to disclose for all applicants whether they were successful or not, where we hold this information. We are unable to disclose some information given the low number of individuals recorded in the data. 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 requestor 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. We have indicated within the tables below precisely where that exemption applies in relation to the requested information.

Age

Age	Number
20-25	(S40)
25-35	(S40)
Information not provided	714

Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number
Asian	116
Black	461
Mixed	15
Other	15
White	116
Prefer not to say	(S40)

Region of Origin in the UK

We do not hold this information as the data was not collected.

Sex

Sex	Number
Male	354
Female	363
Non-Binary	(S40)
Prefer not to say	(S40)

I hope this information is helpful. Please quote the above 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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