

Reference: 01545142

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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning the response to a subject access request provided to you on 3 November 2022 of certain personal data held by Ofcom. You clarified the request on 9 December 2022 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act"). This is one of a number of requests you have made recently.

Your request

Please would you treat this as a Freedom of Information Act request for all information held by Ofcom which has been redacted in your response to the DSAR under Case #01492268 to the extent that (in your words) "any information that does not fall under 'personal information' for the purposes of a subject access request has been redacted".

Our response

Please find attached the relevant documentation.

Please note that some pages contain redactions as the information is either out of scope of the request or we are unable to disclose the information because we consider it is exempt under applicable sections of the Act detailed below.

Section 40 of the FOI Act

Some of the information captured by the request contains personal information. We consider that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) and 40(3)(a) of the Act, which provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where, among other things, its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the Act and does not require a public interest test.

This is applicable to the redacted text on the following pages, and/or parts of the following pages: 3-6.

Section 44 of the FOI Act

Section 44 exempts the disclosure of information which is prohibited by another enactment. In this case, we are prohibited under section 393 of the Communications Act from disclosing information which relates to a business (or businesses), which we have obtained in exercising our powers in relation to broadcast licensing and standards, unless we have the consent of that business/those businesses or one of the statutory gateways for disclosure under section 393(2) is met, neither of which applies here. Section 44 is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

This is applicable to the redacted text on the following pages, and/or parts of the following pages: 3-6.

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

Zach Westbrook

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

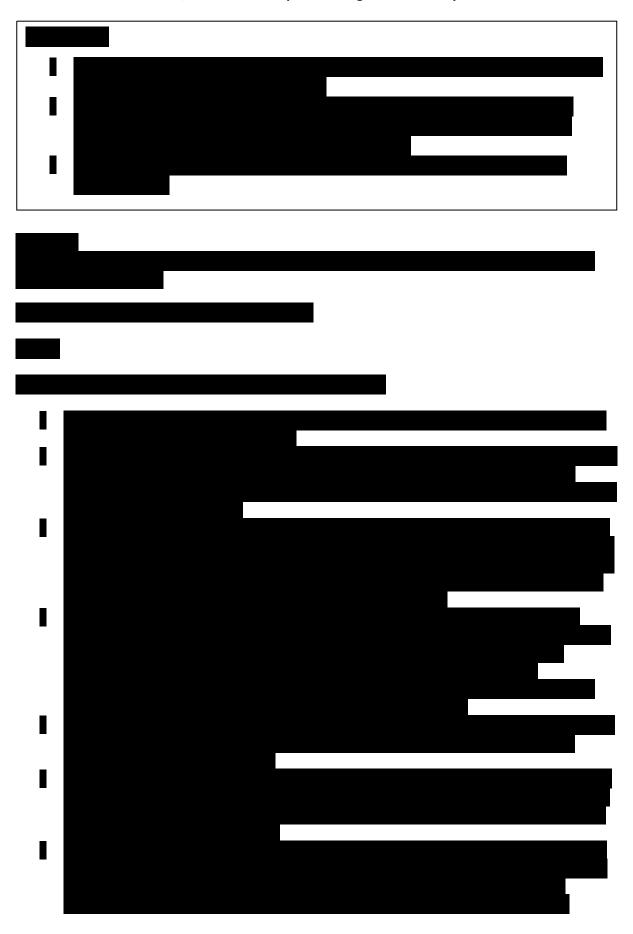
If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office here. Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

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