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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your follow-up request for information concerning Ofcom funding, broadcasting and relationship to the Government. Your follow-up request was received on 8 June 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request & our response

1. "does Ofcom find it self in conflict of interest that Government pay Ofcom money to Regulate broadcast media but Government investment and bought used public money to buy Vaccines from pharmaceutical companies is the conflict of interest they"

We provided this information in response to questions 2, 4 and 9 of your [previous FOI request](#).

2. "can Government put pressure on Ofcom is a narrative doesn't suit them and put pressure on Ofcom to challenge media companies that don't tow the line/follow Government narrative"

We provided this information in response to question 10 of your [previous FOI request](#).

3. "did Ofcom Receive financial help from government though Advertising payment set for Covid19 used for media or did you receive other financial help during Covid19 pandemic"

We provided this information in response to questions 2, 4 and 9 of your [previous FOI request](#).

4. "Journalists have right to ask questions about Covid19 Vaccines effectiveness safty and damages which can happen no Vaccines or drugs never been 100% safe in they history that fact so what or who decides what dangerous information should not be Disclosed"

We are treating this question as being about the application of the Broadcasting Code to licensed broadcasters. Please refer to our [guidance notes to section 2](#), particularly under the section headed "Harm: health and wealth claims", or factors which may be relevant for determining whether broadcast content containing health claims may raise issues under the Broadcasting Code as potentially harmful. As noted at paragraphs 1.30 and 1.35 of our [standards procedures](#), a senior member of Ofcom's executive with appropriate Board-delegated authority oversees an investigation into a potential breach of the Broadcasting Code, and in cases involving potentially harmful content, is responsible for provisionally determining if the particular content under investigation was harmful.

The final decision, and confirmation of the harmfulness of the content under investigation, is made by a separate member of Ofcom's executive, who had not previously been involved in the investigation or provisional determination.

*5. "Can the Government that pay Ofcom money get investigated for putting dangerous information to the public through Psychological Fear Warfare techniques through Advertising payment through certain media companies
By Advertising payment in 2020 Government give media companies £119million the renewed it in 2021 of £320million Government Used Behavioural specialist Psychologist techniques by Nudge Unit Spi B and Sage Nervtag which journalists Laura Dodsworth mentioned in her book A State Of FEAR and mentioned in this online article hear open letters to prime minister
State Covid Propaganda Destroyed Public's Ability to Consent to Vaccines – Chairman of UK Council for Psychotherapy – The Daily Sceptic*

Questions for 5 is can Government get fined by Ofcom for putting out dangerous information which can be risk for life and health through Media which you Regulate is so please state"

We provided this information in response to question 8 of your [previous FOI request](#). For clarification, broadcasters are required to comply with the Broadcasting Code, and therefore we only have remit to investigate potential non-compliance by those broadcasters.

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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