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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Ofcom funding, broadcasting and relationship to the Government. Your request was received on 10 May 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request & our response

- 1. Do Ofcom receive financial investment or outside funding by companies or organisations please provide details*
- 2. Do Ofcom receive government funding*
- 3. Do Ofcom receive Pharmaceuticals companys funding*
- 4. Did Ofcom receive any financial funding during covid-19 pandemic by governments or organisations*
- 5. Did Ofcom receive any financial funding from companies outside UK*
- 9. is Ofcom considered be financial independent from Government or outside organisations and doesnt have any conflict of interest if you please say*

Ofcom's regulatory work is funded by a variety of stakeholders, particularly via fees from industry for regulating broadcasting, communications networks and postal services, and grant-in-aid for specific spectrum clearance programmes from the UK Government. You will find further information of our fees and charges, payable by service providers we regulate [here](#).

Information relating to Ofcom's funding is available on our website - please see page 128 of our [2021/2022 Annual Report](#) which details our income and the sectors it relates to. Future Annual Reports will be published [here](#).

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Ofcom does not receive financial donations.

6. In Ofcom description What We Do online website you say

- a range of companies provide quality television and radio programmes that appeal to diverse audiences;

Do this including Vaccines harm by Pharmaceuticals company are TV companies allowed give fair and balanced arguments a journalist allowed to do under journalist protection

We understand your question to seek details on our remit to regulate broadcasts containing information relating to vaccine harm, where such broadcasts provide fair and balanced information.

Ofcom takes account of the audience's and the broadcasters's right to freedom of expression, set out in Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, when considering whether a broadcaster has provided its audience with adequate protection from potentially harmful material in a programme as required by the Broadcasting Code. Accordingly, broadcasters have editorial freedom to analyse, discuss and challenge issues relating to injuries and harm caused by vaccinations, provided they ensure there is adequate protection for the audience from potentially harmful material. Further information can be found in our [guidance notes to Section 2](#) of the Code, under the heading 'Harm: health and wealth claims'.

7. Under Ofcom Description What We Do

Can you give definition what you classified as harmful offensive materials in the GBNEWS segment with Mark Steyn and Dr Naomi Wolf which Ofcom found it broken Guidelines How it harmful if that program is making awareness to harm been caused by the covid-19 Jabs Have Ofcom seen or read the data coming out of America especially the data getting released by Pfizer which court ordered them to release because FOI Pfizer and FDA tried hide this Data for 75 years Dr Neomi Wolf has broken the Thousands of data down make public aware of harm though Pfizer own data trials have Ofcom before making judgement about that show seen the evidence provided by Dr Neomi Wolf also did you give Neomi Wolf a Chance to reply to Ofcom about that show she appeared on with Mark Steyn show please could you answer

- viewers and listeners are protected from harmful or offensive material on [TV, radio and on-demand](#);

Ofcom's published decision on this case sets out our reasoning. You may find a link to our decision [here](#).

In line with our [Procedures for investigating breaches of content stands for television and radio](#), Ofcom considers representations from directly affected third parties, when provided by the broadcaster or by the third party directly (see page 7 of the Procedures). We did not receive requests from anyone to be treated as a directly affected third party in our investigation of the Mark Steyn programme.

8. Do Ofcom feel right to protect the public from Harm that is used on media or radio or advertising

Does this includes UK Governments using Acts of Terrorism against British public by Using Psychological behaviour and FEAR propaganda campaign in public media by using Spi-B Sage Nudge Unit to increase personal threat

Which explained in this article here please read before answering questions including pictures from government

<https://dailysceptic.org/2023/04/28/state-covid-propaganda-destroyed-publics-ability-to-consent-to-vaccines-chairman-of-uk-council-for-psychotherapy/>

As noted in our response to question 6 above, our remit is to regulate specific broadcasts for compliance with the Code, including in relation to content which may be harmful to audiences.

10. Does Government put pressure on Ofcom on controversial topics mentioned in media or radio you regulate that might effects negative impact on government or Vaccines hesitancy would this include in Ofcom harmful offensive materials description

Ofcom's position on the broadcast of harmful material is set out in the Code and related guidance noted in our response to question 6 above. Ofcom's activities, including formulation of policies and decisions on broadcasting standards, are exercised independently of Government.

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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