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# Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Coroners' Prevention of Future Deaths Reports 2013-2024.

We received this request on 1 July 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

## Your request

"Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request data on coroners' Prevention of Future Deaths reports (PFDs or Reg 28 letters) received by the Office of Communications (Ofcom). Can I please request the following:

- 1. the total number of PFDs where Ofcom was a listed addressee from inception (July 2013) until June 2024 (or the most recent available data), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year (e.g. for 2013, the number of reports from Jul to Dec; for 2014 the number of reports from January to December).
- 2. the total number of PFDs where Ofcom was copied for information as an 'interested person' from inception (July 2013) until June 2024 (or the most recent available data), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year (e.g. for 2013 the number of reports from Jul to Dec; for 2014 the number of reports from January to December)."

### Our response

We can confirm from the information we hold that from 25 October 2023 to 5 July 2024, the total number of Prevention of Future Deaths reports where Ofcom was listed as an addressee is five. Of these five reports, two were received in 2023 and three were received between 1 January 2024 and 5 July 2024.

The total number of Prevention of Future Deaths reports where Ofcom was copied for information is one. This report was received in 2024.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to <a href="mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk">information.requests@ofcom.org.uk</a> – quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

#### Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

## Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.