

Reference: 01974653

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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning defamation investigations by Ofcom for breaching the broadcast code. Your request was received on 19 March 2025, and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

"From 1 January 2020 through 18 March 2025

Has Ofcom investigated Crown Prosecution Service for defamation in relation to communications including Broadcast communications ?

Has Ofcom investigated Criminal Cases Review Commission for defamation in relation to communications including broadcasting communications ?"

Our response

We have not investigated the Crown Prosecution Service or the Criminal Cases Review Commission in relation to communications including broadcasting communications. Ofcom's remit is to regulate the communication services as detailed on our webpage <u>here</u>. Neither the Crown Prosecution Service nor the Criminal Cases Review Commission provide regulated communication services.

If you have any further queries, then please send them to <u>information.requests@ofcom.org.uk</u> – quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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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.

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