

Reference: 01975616

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning meetings with Pornhub, Aylo and Ethical Capital. We received this request on 21 March 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”).

Your request & our response

- 1. I would like to know on how many occasions over the past six months Ofcom officials met with employees or representatives of any business or organization connected with Pornhub, Aylo or Ethical Capital? When did these meetings take place? Were any other people present in the room at the time, if so who were they and what interests did they represent?*
- 2. In particular, did Ofcom officials meet with Bob Cunningham of the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children on or about 22nd January 2025? Who else was in the room and who were they representing?*
- 3. Has the Internet Watch Foundation ever attended meetings with Ofcom with or alongside any interests from, representing or associated with the adult industry/porn companies?*

We can neither confirm nor deny whether we hold information that falls within the scope of this request. If held, we consider that its disclosure would be exempt under the FOI Act. In particular, under section 44 of the FOI Act, information is exempt from disclosure if its disclosure is prohibited by or under any enactment. In this case, section 393(1) of the Communications Act 2003 (the “Communications Act”) prohibits the disclosure of information about a particular business, such as those referred to in your request, which we have obtained in the course of exercising a power conferred by, among other legislation, the Communications Act, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act is met, neither of which apply here. Section 44 is an absolute exemption under the Communications Act and does not require a public interest test.

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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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](#).