

Reference: 1945400

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about the sale of the licences for London Live TV.

We received this request on 17 January 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

I would like to put in a Freedom of Information Request in relation to the recent sale of the local London Live TV licence to Local TV Limited. Can you please share information around the proposed date of sale and the confirmed date of sale?

We'd like a better understanding of when you were notified of the intention to sell and the date of when the actual sale was made.

Our response

By way of background, Ofcom's role in relation to the transfer of a broadcasting licence is to assess whether the transferee meets the relevant statutory criteria for holding the licence, and to grant consent to the transfer of the licence if these requirements are met. Ofcom does not ask for, or need to know, the commercial arrangements between the parties involved, including the method of transfer (for example, whether by sale) or the date that these commercial arrangements were agreed. In cases where we have granted our consent, we ask the parties to confirm when the actual transfer takes place so that we can update our records accordingly. We therefore do not hold information about the sale of the licences for London Live, but we do hold information relating to the transfer of these licences.

We received a request from ESTV Limited for consent to transfer the TLCS and L-DTPS licences for London Live (TLCS100094BA and L-DTPS000015) to Local TV Limited on 29 November 2024. On 3 January 2025, we were informed by ESTV that these licences would be transferred to Local TV on 20 January 2025.

We hope this information is helpful. 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](#).