

Reference: 02065511

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about online content removed, restricted or blocked by Ofcom 2020-2025.

We received this request on 18 August 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information:

1. Records, reports, or logs of any online content (including videos, articles, websites, or social media posts) that your department has requested to be removed, restricted, or blocked between 1 January 2020 and 16 August 2025.

2. For each instance (where available):

- The type of content (video, article, social media post, website).*
- The platform or publisher involved.*
- The date of the request.*
- The reason for the request (e.g., disinformation, misinformation, national security, extremism, terrorism, political or social concerns, or breaches of online safety/broadcasting rules).*

This request is intended to cover political, social, disinformation, and security-related interventions only.

If some information is exempt, please provide the remaining material in redacted form rather than refusing the request in full.

Our response

Ofcom's functions and duties under the Online Safety Act ("OSA") are to make sure that regulated services take appropriate steps to protect their users by improving the systems providers use to prevent harm. We do not ourselves require providers to remove, restrict, or block specific items of content that have appeared on a service. Further information about Ofcom's functions and duties under the OSA can be found on our [website](https://www.ofcom.org.uk).

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](#).