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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning the outcome of complaints 'Mahee' A presenter for the show 'Reality with Mahee'. Your request was received on 20 October 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

I'm interested to know what the outcome has been of any previous complaints made about 'Mahee' A presenter for the show 'Reality with Mahee', which is broadcasted on the TV Channel 'Channel S'. This presenter has been making irresponsible sweeping racist and discriminatory comments on his show for several years, which is being consumed by the British Bangladeshi population, who are his viewers. I believe his comments encourage racism and discriminatory behaviour amongst his viewers, and should be seriously investigated.

Our response

By way of background, Ofcom assesses every complaint it receives. Based on an initial assessment of the complaint and a consideration of the related content, Ofcom will consider whether there may have been a breach of the Broadcasting Code (or other Ofcom codes or licence conditions). In cases where Ofcom considers there may have been a breach, it will launch an investigation. The possible outcomes of an investigation are that we judge an issue is in breach, resolved or not in breach of our rules.

Ofcom's Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin (the "Bulletin"), published every fortnight on our website, includes decisions about the complaints we have considered. The Bulletin covers a range of cases, including those which Ofcom has escalated for full investigation, and those which, after careful assessment, Ofcom has decided not to pursue because they did not raise issues warranting investigation.

Please see the link to the [Bulletin](#) where you can find the requested information.

For ease, we have summarised the relevant complaint data from the Bulletin for you below. Please note that this list is not exhaustive as complaints currently under assessment are not published in our Bulletin until reaching the end of the assessment stage.

The following complaints were not pursued by Ofcom after careful assessment:

Programme	Service	Transmission or Accessed Date	Issues	Number of complaints	Outcomes
Reality with Mahee	CHS TV	10/09/2022	Generally accepted standards	1	Not Pursued
Reality with Mahee	CHSTV	30/09/2021	Gender discrimination/offence	1	Not Pursued
Reality with Mahee	CHSTV	19/03/2020	Generally accepted standards	14	Not Pursued
Reality With Mahee	CHS TV	08/05/2020	Generally accepted standards	15	Not Pursued

Ofcom found a programme hosted by Mahee on 3 May 2020 in breach of the Broadcasting Code - the decision of our investigation can be found [here](#).

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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If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#). Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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