

Reference: 1693821

Information Rights
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Freedom of Information: Right to know request.

Thank you for your request for information about who regulates Ofcom.

We received this request on 9 October 2023 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

Your request

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request an answer to the following questions; Who are you, as Ofcom, answerable to? & Who regulates you? The reason for this request is due to nonsensical, Draconian bill recently passed by the installed globalists in parliament commonly known as the "Online Safety Bill".

Whilst, as per normal, the public are spoon-fed the positives such as; cracking down on groomers, children not being able to access adult material online etc. These, and a few other points, are all well and good but this bill should have been stopped there.

An unelected entity, such as yourselves, should never have the authority to curtail mine, or anybody else's freedom of speech. I totally agree that criminal speech needs dealing with, as in telling someone, or encouraging someone, to harm or kill someone is criminal therefore should be dealt with by the police.

The current climate where the pathetically weak, soy-infused, woke liberals want protection from a comment that they say 'offends them' needs to stop! They need to be shown, in no uncertain terms, that if they don't like someone else's view they should just 'not listen' - simple!"

Our response

In relation to the specific requests for information contained within your correspondence noted above we can advise that Ofcom is an independent regulator and is accountable to Parliament. We provide further information on our website [Complaints about Ofcom - Ofcom](#) in relation to this and the procedure relating to complaints about Ofcom.

You may also find it helpful to view further information on our website [Online safety rules: what you need to know - Ofcom](#)

In relation to the Online Safety Act 2023 and Ofcom's approach to the implementation of this which provides details of our forthcoming consultations. [Ofcom's approach to implementing the Online Safety Act – Ofcom](#)

I 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,

Information requests

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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