

Reference: 01951713

Information Requests information.requests@ofcom.org.uk

3 March 2025

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning the name and position of the Standards team member who provided a response to a decision.

Your request was received on 3 February 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

I would like to request the (i) name and (ii) position held of the public servant who produced the reply (ref: 01915537).

Our response

By way of background, Ofcom's Standards Team is a large team, which works on multiple projects and communications. For best working practice, as well as for protecting individuals at Ofcom, the Standards Team use a shared inbox, with correspondence being signed off with a team signature. The response you received reflected the considered decision of that team rather than an individual.

We are unable to provide details of the individual(s) who produced the reply to case # 01915537 as we consider this information to be exempt under section 40(2) of the FOI Act, which provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Those principles include that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the FOI 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 <u>complain to the Information Commissioner's Office</u>.