

Dear Sara Winter,

Re: 2009 Ofcom Access services review

I am writing in accordance with the R.N.I.B. drive to promote Audio Description on T.V. I wish Ofcom to pursue option two and increase audio description to 20 % across all channels.

As a totally blind person, A.d. is an absolute necessity for me to be able to enjoy any fictional or documentary programme on T.V. May I give just one example. The film "Where Eagles Dare" has been screened a number of times, but as there is no dialogue during the first five to ten minutes there was no possibility of my following the plot. Happily when Channel 5 screened it with A.d. a month or so ago I was able to follow it almost as well as any sighted person. It seems worth mentioning that my wife can watch with me and does not find A.D. a distraction. I tend not to listen to many programmes which do not have A.D. other than quizzes and the news.

Please take on board my request for an increase of audio description to 20% on all channels.

Yours sincerely,