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### **Freedom of Information: Right to know request**

Thank you for your request for information where you asked for complaints about the TV programmes, *Spy* (2004 BBC TV show) and *Spies* (Channel 4 series).

This was received by Ofcom on 4 January and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

*I am looking for all available data (obviously you can't release personal info about the complainants) regarding complaints on the 2004 BBC TV show *Spy* (<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0419370/>) and the 2017 channel 4 show *Spies* (<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt6394734/>).*

*I am looking for as much data as you can release - ideally the content (or summaries thereof) of the complaints, assuming there are any, and covering all episodes. The broadcast dates are available via the IMDB links.*

*If individual complaint data is not available then please provide as much detail/as many records as you can release.*

For the BBC show *Spy*, records of any complaints published in Ofcom's Broadcast Bulletins covering 2004 are available at the National Archives here:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20160704225918/http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/enforcement/broadcast-bulletins/?pageNum=1#in-this-section>.

For the Channel 4 series *Spies*, while we do hold records for complaints over the 2017 period, we have no record of any complaints received about this particular TV programme.

If you have any queries, then please contact [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Jerin John

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an

independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

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 undertaking 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:

Steve Gettings  
The Secretary to the Corporation  
Ofcom  
Riverside House  
2a Southwark Bridge Road  
London SE1 9HA

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF