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Information Requests

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

Thank you for your request for information regarding pirate radio stations broadcasting in Suffolk from January 2008 till present which we received on 28 March and have considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked for a list of all illegal broadcasters including their station names if known that Ofcom were aware of during this period including any Ofcom were aware of but did not take any action against. Please find below a breakdown for each year.

2008 - 0  
2009 - 0  
2010 - 0  
2011 - 0  
2012 - 0  
2013 - 1  
2014 - 0  
2015 - 1  
2016 (Jan-Mar) – 1

The names of the stations are being withheld under s44 of the Act. Section 44 of the Act prevents organisations releasing information if another Act has said that it shouldn't be released, in this case, the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006.

We have applied Section 38 (2) (c) (i) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006. That is because releasing details about the stations, such as names or frequencies, could be seen to be facilitating their day-to-day operations.

For further information on Section 44 of the Act, please see:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/44>

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Julia Snape

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 exception 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