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

Thank you for your request for information where you asked about local TV stations in 2017.

This was received by Ofcom on 25 October 2018 and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

You asked:

*Please supply figures for the total number of hours of first-run news and current affairs broadcast by each local TV station in 2017; and the total number of hours of first-run local programming broadcast by each local TV station in 2017.*

*This should be the equivalent data to that which was shown for 2016 in figure 2.33 of the Ofcom Communication Market Report 2017.*

In relation to this particular type of data, the Communications Market Report (“CMR”) reported on data concerning the previous year, for example for the 2017 CMR we gathered information relating to 2016 data.

In 2017, we asked broadcasters to contribute information regarding their average weekly over-delivery for the previous year, for use in the Communications Market Report, which was used to calculate the “total hours” figures reported in figure 2.33. However, for subsequent reports we have not gathered the “equivalent data” and therefore do not hold the information in the form you requested.

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

Catriona Lawrence

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

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- 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:

Corporation Secretary  
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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  
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