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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about a speech given by the CEO to the Royal Television Society on 18 September 2018.

We received this request on 10 April 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

"I am trying to get a full copy of a speech given by Sharon White to the Royal Television Society in which she made it clear that Ofcom wanted what the Government has referred to as "parity of protection" for children whether they be on or off line, whilst answering the challenges of censorship and capacity. She talked about a Standards Lottery and stated that children needed to be similarly protected in the timeshifted and catch-up services operated by the regulated broadcasters. This policy speech made it clear that regulated broadcasters (e.g. ITV, Channel4, Five etc) had to have the same "look and feel" to their Apps including pre-approval of advertisements in both their live and catch-up services."

Our response

Whilst we do hold the information you have requested, it is available in the public domain via the [YouTube website](#). As well as the video recording of the full speech, a transcript can be seen by clicking "more" underneath the video and then "Show Transcript". We are therefore withholding the information as we consider it is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act, which provides that information reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under the FOI Act, is exempt information.

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 [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).