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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the FOI Act').

We received your requests on 27 March 2025.

Your requests

1. "Hello OFCOM,

FOI:

How much staff hours and staff salary has been spent to find out, 124 exclusions?"

2. "Hello OFCOM,

I insist on a proper response to my FOI you had received months earlier.

"Please send me the overall costs, how much you have so far up to current day, spent to enforce the age verification in regards to the complete scope of the Online Safety act.

Please also send me a detailed excel file, where you list, every single expense, you had from start of the online safety act 2023 in 2023 to current day, on how much you spent, for who, what on prosecuting 4chan.

I also require you to hand over every single bit of documents, you received from the legal counsel of 4CHAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT LLC and LOLCOW, LLC, d/b/a KIWI FARMS, Preston Byrne.

Is OFCOM AWARE of the fact, that, " Delaware subsequently was the first state to ratify the Declaration of Independence in 1776?

<https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/4chan-kiwi-farms-sue-uk-age-verificaiton-law.pdf>

(8. Delaware was a colony of the Kingdom of Great Britain until the Assembly of the Lower Counties of Pennsylvania that declared itself independent of British authority on June 15, 1776, thereby creating the state of Delaware. Delaware subsequently was the first state to ratify the Declaration of Independence, the instrument which created the United States of America, on July 4, 1776. Under the terms of the 1783 Treaty of Paris, the Kingdom of Great Britain officially acknowledged the United States as a sovereign and ndependent nation)

Therefore, an armed invasion with the UK military would be needed to enforce any and all enforcement actions against 4CHAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT LLC and LOLCOW, LLC, d/b/a KIWI FARM.

Is OFCOM aware and willing to petition the UK Military to undertake such military action?"

In addition, if you decline on cost grounds again, you just fined 4Chan 520k pound. That fine does cover the hours required to find ALL THE INFORMATION.

I expect a full and not declining response within 30 days."

Our response

I note that these requests are follow ups to a previous request to which we responded on 17 February 2026 (see here [Costs to enforce age verification and costs](#)) and an internal review to which we responded on 27 March 2026.

Your previous request was very broad in scope and we decided that section 12 of the FOI Act applied, namely that it would take in excess of 18-hours to determine whether Ofcom holds the information requested, identifying, locating, retrieving and extracting the information from any document containing it. Our internal review upheld this decision. In particular, we noted that:

- information on Ofcom's expenditure in relation to online safety is available in our Annual Reports: [Annual reports and plans](#).
- your original request constituted a number of parts for recorded information in various forms and was extremely broad in its scope.
- isolating expenditure concerning enforcement activity connected with age assurance, over the requested time period, would involve detailed examination of extensive time recording by many different colleagues.
- that a similar issue would apply to the isolation of expenditure connected to enforcement activity in relation to 4chan.
- significant further time would be required to identify *"every single bit of documents, you received from the legal counsel of 4CHAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT LLC and LOLCOW, LLC, d/b/a KIWI FARMS, Preston Byrne"*.

In our internal review letter, we noted the language and tone of your request, in particular *"each UK taxpayer already paid for the hours needed to find the information"* (we drew your attention to information on [How Ofcom is funded as an independent regulator](#) published on our website); that the section 12 exemption operates to protect public bodies from having to incur the unnecessary additional expenditure created by requests such as yours; and, advised that your reference to Ofcom as "Ofcommunities" and the general disrespectful tone of your correspondence and apparent lack of any serious pursuit of specific information had led us to conclude that we may consider any future requests to be vexatious.

You have now submitted 2 further FOI requests comprising the same request and another about '124 requests'. We are treating these requests as vexatious on the basis that:

- (a) there is no serious purpose;
- (b) the disrespectful tone and language suggest an intent to harass;
- (c) it does not appear our previous correspondence has been read; and
- (d) there is now both repetition and the lack of any serious attempt to formulate comprehensible questions.

In conclusion therefore we are not responding to your 2 new FOI requests pursuant to section 14 of the FOI Act and will not correspond further.

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](#).