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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for documents relating to the selection of Ian Cheshire.

We received this request on 9 April 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

I'm writing to request the following information:

Any materials relating to Ian Cheshire's selection as preferred candidate for chair of Ofcom. These can include but aren't limited to emails and attachments, letters, memos, meeting minutes, briefing documents, or anything else regarding his selection.

If you feel that a response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, or the request is too broad or too vague, I would be grateful if you could contact me, by email, and provide assistance as to how I could refine the request.

Our response

Ofcom does not hold information within the scope of your request.

The selection of Ian Cheshire as the preferred candidate for the chair of Ofcom was a decision made by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT). Ofcom has no role in the selection of the candidate.

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](#).