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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about supplier assessment criteria.

We received this request on 20 January 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Your request and our response

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*Focusing on Information Security, Data Governance and Data Protection, please can you provide the current assessment you use for 3rd party suppliers.*

*Do you have a set of questions you ask the supplier to complete? what are these questions?*

*What is the assessment criteria? Does it form part of a DPIA?*

*Do you tier prospective 3rd party suppliers based on the likely risk level or scope of data use? if so what is the scope for this tiering?*

Please refer to our Supplying Ofcom page on the website <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/corporate-policies/supplying-ofcom>

We do not hold a standard set of questions that we ask suppliers to complete. Each procurement is approached on a case-by-case basis. We do not hold a standard evaluation criterion – this can vary according to what is being procured.

In response to your question as to whether we tier prospective 3rd party suppliers based on the likely risk level or scope of data use, this is not a valid question under the FOI Act as it asks for a view.

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](mailto: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](#).