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Information Requests
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Dear,

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Reversal of previously dismissed complaints against Talktv re Transphobia.

We received this request on 4 December 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

Your request & our response

“Reversal of previously dismissed complaints against Talktv re Transphobia

Please provide details of representations to your organisation from 3rd parties, that appear or can reasonably be said to have been considered or influenced your decision, to reverse your previous judgement. Specifically;

1. Please name all organisations that have contacted you complaining or querying the previous decision.

Ofcom initially received a complaint from Good Law Project and its supporters that in 11 programmes broadcast on Talk in June and July 2025, Talk’s hosts and guests “consistently spouted transphobic views”.

Following Ofcom’s original decision to not investigate the 11 programmes, Ofcom received correspondence from the Good Law Project, who considered that:

- Ofcom’s decisions to not investigate the 11 programmes may be unlawful because it failed in its duty to give adequate reasons and the decisions were “irrational” (so unreasonable that no reasonable public body could make it); and
- Ofcom’s decisions not to investigate the 11 programmes was a “dereliction of duty”.

To clarify, Ofcom has decided to withdraw its decisions to not pursue investigations into 11 programmes on Talk. Ofcom will now carry out new assessments of the programmes. Ofcom has made no determination as to whether, on reconsideration, any of the 11 programmes raise potentially substantive issues under the Code warranting investigation.

2. Please name any body or person that has implied or threatened legal action against Ofcom regarding your original decision.

Please see our response to Q1.

3. Please disclose any Ministerial contact relating to this issue.

We do not hold the requested information.

4. Please confirm at what level this decision was made.

This decision was taken by a senior member of Ofcom's executive with appropriate Board-delegated authority, specifically a Director in the Ofcom Standards Team.

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](#).