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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 Ofcom's engagement with Tattle Life.

We received this request on 2 June 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

### Your request and our response

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*I would be grateful if you could confirm whether Ofcom has taken steps to preserve records relating to its engagement with Tattle Life, Kumquat Tree Limited and/or Sebastian Bond.*

*Given the ongoing litigation, the liquidation of Yuzu Zest Limited, and the importance of understanding the operation and moderation of the platform, it would be helpful to know whether records including correspondence, compliance assessments, information requests, complaints, moderation materials and related documentation are being retained pending completion of Ofcom's assessment.*

In response to your two questions regarding record retention, please see [our general position on record retention](#) which outlines Ofcom's commitment to maintaining records of its activities, the key principles for managing records and the roles of all colleagues in its management. We review our retention periods annually to ensure they remain relevant.

*I would also be grateful if you could confirm, insofar as you are able:*

1. *Whether Ofcom continues to engage with Tattle Life regarding compliance with the Online Safety Act;*

We are unable to confirm nor deny whether we hold the information you requested, as to provide such information would fall under the exemption in section 44 of the FOI Act. Disclosure of whether we hold such information is prohibited under section 393 of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Communications Act') which inhibits disclosure of information about a business which we have obtained in the course of exercising a power conferred by the Communications Act, among others, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act is met, neither of which applies here. Section 44 is an absolute exemption and therefore is not subject to a public interest test.

2. *Whether Ofcom considers Tattle Life to be a regulated user-to-user service for the purposes of the Act;*

Ofcom has written a [letter to Jess Asato MP](#), dated 13 February 2026, where we considered Tattle Life as a regulated user to user (U2U) service under the Online Safety Act. Guidance on what determines a regulated service can be found [here](#).

3. *Whether Ofcom's assessment includes consideration of the platform's duties relating to children, illegal content risk assessments and reporting mechanisms.*

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. However, we consider that this information would fall under the exemption in section 44 of the FOI Act. Disclosure of whether we hold such information is prohibited under section 393 of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Communications Act') which inhibits disclosure of information about a business which we have obtained in the course of exercising a power conferred by the Communications Act, among others, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act is met, neither of which applies here. Section 44 is an absolute exemption and therefore is not subject to a public interest test.

4. *OfCom is aware of the ongoing harms targeting the Dickson family and its teenage daughter, and Saccone Joly children as outlined in my previous reports,.*

We can confirm that we are aware of the concerns that you have outlined and raised in your previous correspondence with Ofcom and are liaising with you separately regarding these.

*I appreciate there are limits on what can be disclosed publicly. My concern at present is primarily that relevant material is preserved and that there is clarity regarding the status of Ofcom's engagement.*

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](#).