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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 meetings with porn sites and content creators.

We received this request on 24 April 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

Your request

Please provide the following information covering the period from 1 January 2022 to the present:

A list of all meetings (including in-person meetings, virtual meetings, roundtables and formal or informal discussions) held between Ofcom officials and representatives of pornography sites, and pornographic content creators. For each meeting identified, please provide any agendas, minutes, briefing notes or summaries produced in relation to the meeting.

I should also be grateful if you were to list the organisations you met with which are opposed to pornography and the sex industry more widely.

Our response

For context, pornography services are regulated under the Online Safety Act 2023 (OSA), and previously under the Video Sharing Platform (VSP) regime. As with any service Ofcom regulates, this requires us to meet with these services routinely to uphold our regulatory duties under the relevant Act(s).

In response to the information requested, we consider that this is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the “appropriate limit”. The appropriate limit is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, and is, for Ofcom, £450, which is equivalent to 18-hours. That sum is intended to cover the estimated costs involved in determining whether Ofcom holds the information requested, identifying, locating, retrieving and extracting the information from any document containing it. The Regulations provide that costs are to be estimated at a rate of £25 per person per hour.

Throughout the time period set out in your request, Ofcom has regularly met with organisations and individuals within the scope of your request as part of our day-to-day activities. This is consistent with how Ofcom engages with its regulated stakeholders across all the industries it regulates. Examples of our engagement with pornography services includes: ensuring that services are aware

of the mandatory age assurances implemented to protect children; consultation responses to statements made by Ofcom that had implications for the pornography industry; and discussions on safety measures implemented by services of different sizes and varying risk profiles.

In order to satisfy your request, we would need to collect information from multiple teams and directorates throughout Ofcom, over a significant time period. As set out above, this would include a large number of meetings, events and roundtables spanning multiple teams. We would then need to extract the relevant information, including reviewing agendas, minutes and briefing notes for all meetings. This would take us beyond the 18-hour limit of complying with a request.

You may wish to consider submitting a narrower, more focused request, for example, meetings or engagement with these platforms which were carried out in relation to a specific area of our regulation, and a much smaller timeframe. We would then consider this under the FOI Act.

Should you decide to make a further request for information, please note that the aforementioned appropriate limit and/or other exemptions may apply.

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](#).