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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 complaints regarding manosphere influencers/live streamers.

We received this request on 18 March 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

Your request

I am requesting the following information relating to the number of complaints received around ‘manosphere’ influencers/live streamers.

Please include any data since the beginning of the 2021 calendar year.

- 1. Please list any documents, memos, reports or statistics your department holds which contain total number of complaints made to OFCOM about the live streamer/influencer known as HSTikkyTokky, whose real name is Harrison Sullivan.*
- 2. Please list any documents, memos, reports or statistics your department holds which contain total number of complaints made to OFCOM about the live streamer/influencer known as Ed Matthews.*
- 3. Please list any documents, memos, reports or statistics your department holds which contain total number of complaints made to OFCOM about the live streamer/influencer known as Andrew Tate.*
- 4. Please list any documents, memos, reports or statistics your department holds which contain total number of complaints made to OFCOM about the live streamer/influencer known as Sneako, whose real name is Nicolas Kenn De Balinthazy.*
- 5. Please list any documents, memos, reports or statistics your department holds which contain total number of complaints made to OFCOM about the live streamer/influencer known as Justin Waller.*

I am not requesting personal details. Where exemptions are considered to apply, I request that factual material be disclosed separately or with redactions to other material.

Our response

Please be aware that whilst users can submit complaints to us about online and broadcasting services, we cannot respond to or investigate individual complaints. Rather, we use the insights to

help us assess, more generally, how services keep users safe. In this case our search included both online and broadcasting complaints.

We can confirm that Ofcom has received 11 complaints where the named live streamers/influencers were specifically referenced. Please be aware that this number consists only of complaints we have identified as being raised regarding the named live streamer/influencer. However, complaints are typically raised against the services that host their content, rather than the individuals themselves.

We have determined that any further breakdown of the complaints is exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act. In particular, section 40(2) of the FOI Act provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where, among other things, its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. This includes the principle that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption under the Act and does not require a public interest test.

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](#).