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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 the rape gang inquiry chaired by Rupert Lowe.

We received this request on 10 February 2026 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the FOI Act').

Your request and our response

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide recorded information held by Ofcom relating to the coverage or non-coverage of the Rape Gang Inquiry chaired by Rupert Lowe MP.

Specifically, please provide:

1. Copies of any internal guidance, briefing notes, or memoranda issued by Ofcom since 1st January 2026 to 1st March 2026 that reference or relate to:

- * The inquiry itself or*
- * Broadcast coverage of the inquiry or related subject matter.*

We do not hold this information.

2. Any correspondence (including emails or letters) between Ofcom and UK broadcasters (including but not limited to the BBC) which discusses:

- * Regulatory considerations*
- * Compliance concerns or*
- * Editorial risk classifications in relation to coverage of the inquiry.*

We do not hold this information.

3. Please confirm whether Ofcom has received any complaints, queries, or requests for advice from broadcasters concerning coverage of the inquiry, and if so, provide aggregate information only (e.g. number received, dates)

Between 1 January 2026 to 10 February 2026, the date of your request, we received 4720 complaints about coverage of the Rupert Lowe inquiry.

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](#).