**Reference: 02299291**

Information Requests
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Dear,

## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning cooperation with police on image-based abuse.

We received this request on 9 October 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

### Your request

*"I am requesting information about police work with Ofcom related to reports of image-based abuse. 7,302 reports of image-based abuse offences were recorded by police across 39 (out of 43) forces in England and Wales, according to a super-complaint submitted by anti-VAWG campaigners this week. How many reports of image-based abuse did police notify Ofcom about?*
*Please provide information about the number of reports flagged to Ofcom and how Ofcom responded."*

### Our response

We do not hold information in scope of your request. Our role under the Online Safety Act 2023 is to assess whether services have effective systems and processes in place to prevent illegal content and behaviour, including image-based abuse. We do not assess individual complaints in relation to online safety or investigate potential criminal offences - this would be a matter for the relevant law enforcement authorities. These authorities therefore do not routinely inform Ofcom of individual reports of image-based sexual abuse.

However, we work closely with law enforcement and other groups on this issue more broadly to inform our work, including the National Centre for Violence Against Women and Girls and Public Protection (NCVPP) and the Revenge Porn Helpline (provided by Southwest Grid for Learning), and we recently published an update on our action to address this form of abuse.

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 Commission Office.