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Information Requests
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Dear,

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your further request for information concerning Whistleblower reports. We note that this request is in response to a previous FOI request: Whistleblower Reports

We received this request on 13 October 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

"However, the publicly available information you have directed me towards runs in financial years, when our request asked for a year end of June 30.

Therefore, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide:

** The number of whistleblowing reports you received, by both sector and action taken, as in your annual whistleblowing reports.*

However, please provide the information broken down by individual years, for the last five years, with a year end of June 30.

If this is not possible, please use any other year end used by the organisation."

Our response

Under section 21 of the FOI Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from Whistleblowing: Making a protected disclosure to Ofcom (towards bottom of the page).

Please note that reports are organised by financial year as this is a requirement by Government guidance (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/whistleblowing-for-prescribed-persons#duty-to-reporton-whistleblowing-disclosures. Please also note that the ICO explains that there is no need to create information to comply with a request. As you alternatively requested for ' *any other year end used by the organisation'* we consider the published report to satisfy your request.

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.