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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 appearance fees for "Count Binface" on the BBC.

We received this request on 7 September 2026 and you provided additional information on 8 September 2026. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

Did the BBC pay Jonathan Harvey ("Count Binface") an appearance fees or expense for appearing on programmes during the Clacton by-election formal campaign period?

I asked Ofcom to investigate. But no telly. If payments were made breach of BBC Charter. Also second breach in that BBC and other broadcasters made no attempt to give balance and fairness. Please acknowledge and update.

On 8 September 2026 you also provided the following:

I looking for Ofcom to investigate ALL broadcasters on the grounds that they all broke the Ofcom rules.

Please can you send my the Ofcom rules especially as they affect fairness in elections and by-elections (parliamentary).

Our response

Regarding your request for whether Jonathan Harvey ("Count Binface") was paid an appearance fee by BBC, this is not information held by Ofcom. You may wish to contact the BBC directly. They can be contacted by email at foi@bbc.co.uk, or by post:

BBC Information Rights

London Broadcasting House
4th Floor, Zone E
Portland Place
London
W1A 1AA

In response to your request for Ofcom to investigate all broadcasters, we refer you to our broadcasting complaints process. Complaints regarding broadcasts must be related to a specific incident, and can be submitted:

- on our website at www.ofcom.org.uk/make-a-complaint/complain-about-tv-radio-or-on-demand-services
- by phone 0300 123 3333 or 020 7981 3040 or;
- by post at
PO Box 1285
Warrington
WA1 9GL

In response to your request for a copy of the “Ofcom rules *especially as they affect fairness in elections and by-elections (parliamentary)*” to be posted to you, we have included the section of the Broadcasting Code directly associated with elections and referendums and the associated guidance.

The full Broadcasting Code is a large document that would require us to charge a small fee in order for us to print and send it to you. However you can access it for free via our website at www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/broadcast-standards/broadcast-code. If you would still like a copy of the full Broadcasting Code to be posted to you, we will need to charge a small fee - please let us know if you require this service.

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](#).