



Online Safety Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 50

PART 7

OFCOM'S POWERS AND DUTIES IN RELATION TO REGULATED SERVICES

CHAPTER 4

INFORMATION

Disclosure of information

116 Intelligence service information

- (1) OFCOM may not disclose information received (directly or indirectly) from, or that relates to, an intelligence service unless the intelligence service consents to the disclosure.
- (2) If OFCOM have disclosed information described in subsection (1) to a person, the person must not further disclose the information unless the intelligence service consents to the disclosure.
- (3) If OFCOM would contravene subsection (1) by publishing in its entirety—
 - (a) a statement required to be published by section 47(5), or
 - (b) a report mentioned in section 164(5),OFCOM must, before publication, remove or obscure the information which by reason of subsection (1) they must not disclose.
- (4) In this section—
 - “information” means information held by OFCOM in connection with an online safety matter;
 - “intelligence service” means—
 - (a) the Security Service,

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- (b) the Secret Intelligence Service, or
- (c) the Government Communications Headquarters.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 116 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(r\)](#)

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