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Dear John Smith

### **Freedom of Information Request - RFI20210840**

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act');

*"Prior to the global COVID pandemic the Points West evening news programme in Bristol was co presented by David and Alex. Following social distancing it was understandable that the presentation was reduced to one of the two of them on each show.*

*Over a year later this is continuing and a third presenter is frequently used for Friday evening. As David and Alex are clearly working less in a presenter role I think expect that their salary has been reduced accordingly.*

*Please can the BBC confirm:*

- 1. Have either David or Alex's working hours been reduced follow the decision to have one presenter on the show.*
- 2. If their hours have not been reduced, what additional activities are they performing in lieu of the broadcast hours?*
- 3. Have either David or Alex's salaries been reduced to reflect the reduction in presenting hours.*
- 4. What were the presenters salary bands pre covid eg Dec 2019 and now eg Apr 2021. If absolute figures cannot be provided, what is their salary now as a percentage of that in Dec 2019?"*

We are withholding this information under section 40(2) (personal information) of the FOI Act. Under section 40(2), personal information about identifiable living individuals is exempt if disclosure to a third party would breach one or more principles in the General Data Protection Regulation. The individuals concerned would not expect their personal data to be disclosed to a third party. Therefore, disclosure would breach the principle to only process personal data lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.

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If you are not satisfied with the internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. The contact details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 0303 123 1113 or see <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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