



Information Rights

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Mr Quentin Budworth

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27 October 2021

Dear Mr Budworth,

Freedom of Information request – RFI20211483

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 29 September 2021 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Act'):

"A list of BBC News Presenters, Journalists, and editorial staff who are conservative party members. On all your news programmes."

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 (EU) 2016/679 ('GDPR'). The individual(s) 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.

As set out in section 6(1)(b)(ii) of the Act, our subsidiaries (including BBC Studioworks Limited, UKTV, BBC Global News Ltd and BBC Studios Ltd), as well as the charities BBC Media Action and BBC Children in Need, are not subject to the Act. As such, information relating to these entities is not considered in the above response.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied that we have complied with the Act in responding to your request, you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager or legal adviser. Please contact us at the address above, explaining what you would like us to review and including your reference number. A request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of receiving the BBC's response to your original request.

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,

