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Dear Ernie Marples,

Freedom of Information request – RFI20200509

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 27 April 2020 seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'):

"This enquiry relates to the BBC's response to government restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and what changes have been made to working practices as a result.

Please provide a copy of the policy guidance issued by BBC (and BBC Scotland if different) to its radio broadcasting staff regarding working from home during Covid-19, including all updated guidance in the event there were any policy changes.

Please state the policy of the BBC and BBC Scotland in relation to radio broadcast staff who have the ability to work from home.

What are the criteria for being able to work from home for radio broadcasting staff? Please specify what risk assessments were done for those presenters who could not work from home.

Please supply a copy of all instructions/guidance given to staff who could work from home but chose instead to travel to work.

If a radio broadcasting staff member indicated an intention to travel to work despite having the ability to work from home, what process is in place to accommodate this? Who authorises broadcasting staff to do this?

Please list which radio broadcasting staff still do their shows from a studio and which do their shows from home.

Please list which radio presenters are able to work from home but choose instead to travel to their BBC studio to broadcast.

Please specify what aspects determine that a show can only be broadcast from a studio."

The information you have requested is publicly available and can be found via <https://www.bbc.co.uk/safety/resources/safetynews/whatsnew/Coronavirus>.

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

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