



Information Policy & Compliance

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29<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Dear Mr Abel

**Request for Information – RFI20141720**

Thank you for your request of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') seeking the following information:

*"After reading the Communications Act I do not wish to receive [sic] any Television broadcasts at all, I feel it is simply not worth the money. What is the process of informing TV licensing or OFCOM that I wish to buy a television to simply play DVDs or computer games on?"*

Please note that "TV Licensing" is a trade mark used by companies contracted by the BBC to administer the collection of television licence fees and enforcement of the television licensing system. The majority of the administration of TV Licensing is contracted to Capita Business Services Ltd ('Capita'). Over-the-counter services are provided by PayPoint plc ('PayPoint') in the UK, and by the Post Office in the Isle of Man and Channel Islands. Marketing and printing services are contracted to Proximity London Ltd. Media services are contracted to Mediaedge:CIA International Limited ("MEC"). The BBC is a public authority in respect of its television licensing functions and retains overall responsibility.

As you will be aware, you need to be covered by a TV Licence if you watch or record television programmes, on any device, as they're being shown on TV. This includes TVs, computers, mobile phones, games consoles, digital boxes and Blu-ray/DVD/VHS recorders.

In accordance with the BBC TV Licensing No Licence Needed ('NLN') Policy, if you don't use any of these devices to watch or record television programmes as they're being shown on TV, you can contact TV Licensing to make an NLN declaration via the online declaration form on the following web-link:-

<http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/topics/how-to-tell-us-you-dont-watch-tv-top12>

## **Appeal Rights**

If you are not satisfied that the BBC has 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 under the Act and including your reference number. 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 SK9 5AF. Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate) or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>.

Kind regards

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