



GB News

21 November 2023

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 19 October in which you asked:

It has been reported that the Senedd has removed the rights of GB NEWS to broadcast from the Welsh Assembly, SINCE I like many other pay for you, I want to know the reasons why I am forced to watch the BBC , and NOT another broadcaster and get different views and opinions, UNLESS Mr Drakeford only wants HIS and LABOUR options to be heard through one broadcaster.

Please find our response below.

The Senedd Commission has not banned any TV channels. However, the GB News channel has been suspended from the Senedd's internal TV system.

Below is the contents of an email sent to senior Senedd Commission staff:

I have been following the news regarding Laurence Fox's awful comments on GB News. Totally offensive, deliberate and inappropriate on a news channel, any channel. It was also compounded by inappropriate comments from the programme's presenter.

As you will know I have been challenged previously in the Senedd on the appropriateness of GB News on our internal tv system during Commission Questions. I consider now that they should not continue to be broadcast on our system. I can no longer get up on my feet to defend it. I ask that it is immediately removed from the system and will continue to be suspended until the Commission agrees for it to be

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placed back on the system. I will inform the Commission of my decision at our next meeting.

Members and staff may still be able to watch GB news using other means but it will not be facilitated by the Commission internal system.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Manager
Welsh Parliament

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the **Code of Practice on Public Access to Information**. If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

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Information-request@senedd.wales or in writing to

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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