

Comedy Central UK statement re. findings in Ofcom Complaints Bulletin published 12.10.15

A spokesperson for Comedy Central UK said: *“Comedy Central accepts Ofcom’s findings and would like to apologise for any offence caused; we always consider carefully what content we show but appreciate in these instances our judgement was wrong. We’ve reviewed our compliance procedures and the creative guidelines governing our on-air promos and have made changes to strengthen and simplify both.”*

Q&A – for background guidance only

Because of the frequency and severity of the breaches, and Comedy Central’s somewhat delayed and ambiguous response to public complaints, are you expecting to be fined by Ofcom?

- That’s a question you need to address to Ofcom – it’s not something Comedy Central would comment on in advance of any decision being made.

These are serious breaches involving young children potentially being exposed to very adult material, including swearing and sexual references. Is someone at Comedy Central going to be held accountable for these serious errors of judgement?

- Our internal review highlighted a number of failings in our internal systems and guidelines as well as errors of judgement in their application.
- We are addressing both these systematic failings and individual errors of judgement to make sure there is no reoccurrence of these breaches.

Can you comment on reports that NAMED INDIVIDUAL has been suspended/ disciplined/ dismissed as a result of your review?

- We don’t routinely comment on contractual matters relating to individual employees – so we won’t comment publicly, even if that were the case.

ENDS