

Complaints to the BBC

This fortnightly report for the BBC complaints service¹ shows for the periods covered:

- the number of complaints about programmes and those which received more than 100² at Stage 1 (Audience Services);
- findings of subsequent investigations made at Stage 2 (by the Executive Complaints Unit)³;
- the percentage of all complaints dealt with within the target periods for each stage.

NB: Figures include, but are not limited to, editorial complaints, and are not comparable with complaint figures published by Ofcom about other broadcasters (which are calculated on a different basis). The number of complaints received is not an indication of how serious an issue is.

Stage 1 complaints

Between 20 December 3 – 16 January 2022, BBC Audience Services (Stage 1) received a total of **3,999** complaints about programmes. **8,312** complaints in total were received at Stage 1.

BBC programmes receiving more than 100²complaints during this period:

Programme	Service	Date of Transmission	Main Issue(s)	Number of Complaints
Sunday Politics	BBC One	16/01/2022	Bias against Sir Keir Starmer / Piers Morgan's views not sufficiently challenged.	136

77% of all complaints dealt with between 3 - 16 January 2022 received an initial response within the stage 1 target period of 10 working days.

Recent BBC public responses to significant complaints at Stage 1 are published at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/complaints/complaint/>

Stage 2 complaints – Executive Complaints Unit (ECU)

The Executive Complaints Unit made 7 findings at Stage 2 between 3 - 16 January 2022. Highlighted text links to published findings. Further information on complaints which were upheld or resolved after investigation by the ECU can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/complaints/comp-reports/ecu/>

¹ Full details of the service are in the [BBC Complaints Framework and Procedures](#) document.

² As defined in the [BBC Complaints Framework and Procedures](#) and regulated under [Ofcom's Broadcasting Code](#).

³ Excluding investigations of online material outside Ofcom's remit.

Programme	Service	Date of Transmission	Issue	Outcome
Today	Radio 4	20/09/2021	Bias against trans rights	Not upheld
PM	Radio 4	15/05/2021	Inaccurate report on incident in Jaffa	Not upheld
Showtrial	BBC One	31/10/2021	Offensive language x5	Not upheld

100% of complaints dealt with between 3 - 16 January 2022 received a response within the target time.