

## COMPLAINT ONE: GB News's Nana Akua programme - 16 March 2024

### Programme details

Programme title\*: Nana Akua

Date of broadcast: 16 March 2024

Time of broadcast (24 hour clock): 17:21-17:31

Channel / station\*: GB News

### Your complaint

Subject\* (please use 255 characters or fewer):

GB News's Nana Akua programme breaches rule 5.1 on due impartiality and due accuracy when discussing the NHS's plan to address climate change

Description\* (please use 1500 characters or fewer):

A section of this programme, focused on the NHS's plan to introduce electric ambulances as part of efforts to reach net zero, fails to meet the requirement for due impartiality and due accuracy as outlined in Ofcom's Broadcasting Code Rule 5.1.

Guest Andrew Monfort, director of Net Zero Watch, made statements that raise concerns regarding accuracy. He said "the harms of climate change are still very much hypothetical. And so we should deal with the certainties rather than the possibilities." The presenter, Nana Akua, did not challenge Monfort's remarks but rather nodded and responded with "interesting, very much." Additionally, Monfort likened climate change awareness to "climate catastrophism" stating that it is "like a religion."

These statements are particularly concerning when considered alongside the views expressed by the presenter and other guests, business consultant Brian Catt and journalist Danny Kelly, who all opposed the NHS plan. The absence of a range of viewpoints and the alignment of all guests and the presenter against initiatives related to addressing climate change further implies a failure to meet the requirement for due impartiality.

As the Section details, the principles of due impartiality and due accuracy, providing audiences with a balanced and accurate representation of issues, should be particularly followed when reporting on polarising and contemporary issues, such as climate change.