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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Broadband speed data at the Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) level from 2000 to now.

We received this request on 3 May 2022 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

You asked for: *'Broadband speed data at the Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) level from 2000 to now. Broadband speed at the LSOA level for available years: average synchronisation speed of existing broadband connections, measured in megabits per second (mbps).'*

Our response

By way of background, we did not collect detailed broadband data prior to Ofcom's Connected Nations/Infrastructure reports that began in 2011. We therefore do not hold data from 2000 to 2010.

Our Connected Nations reports provide both coverage (availability) and performance (usage) of broadband in around 0.25million Census Output areas which you can find here: [Connected Nations 2021: data downloads - Ofcom](#).

The lower layer super output area information can be derived from this data. This data has been provided for a number of years that can be found in previous years' reports, some of which are on our Connected Nations website [Connected Nations and infrastructure reports - Ofcom](#) and others are in the National Archives - [Connected Nations and infrastructure reports - Ofcom \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#). Please note that the associated 'about this data' files provide important information about associated caveats and interpretation of the data.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Gloria Akinyemi

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#). Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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