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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your requests for information about 5G mid band coverage.

We received these requests on 31 December 2024 and we have considered them under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FOI Act').

Your request

"I would like to know if it may be possible to obtain further detail on the current status of 5G mid-band coverage specifically for the UK. In the latest published reports I see data related to 5G in general, but it doesn't specify the spectrum band used, which is highly relevant for us....."

And.....

"I'm reaching out to seek your guidance on obtaining specific data that we haven't been able to locate in Ofcom's reports or on the website. At Ericsson, we are particularly interested in tracking the progress of 5G deployments and coverage within the mid-band spectrum. While Ofcom's reports provide valuable insights on 5G in general, they do not appear to differentiate between the spectrum bands in use."

"We've conducted our own internal analysis on this topic, but it would be incredibly helpful if Ofcom could share any available data on mid-band spectrum deployments. This would allow us to compare and validate our findings, and contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of 5G progress."

Our response

We do not hold the information you have requested. Whilst we have previously published 5G coverage for different bands, including 3GHz, alongside the main overall 5G coverage stats, it is important to note that it is not part of our legal obligations to publish such information. We only publish this additional information when we believe the insights could be useful, and when we have the capacity. The raw data which we collect does not directly provide the requested insights and requires further processing and aggregation to produce statistics in a digestible and useful format.

Please note that we are not required to create information under the FOI Act and exemptions under section 44 and 43 of the FOI Act may apply to any further request for this raw data.

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,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).