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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about the resources for analogue community radio licensing.

We received this request on 2 January 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Your request

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*Could Ofcom please tell me how many man-hours and what resources are required to run an analogue community radio license round?*

*If this question is too generic, could you please tell me how many man-hours and what resources were required for the Northampton analogue community radio round?*

### Our response

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We have reviewed your request and can confirm we do not hold this information.

Rounds of licensing can take up to six months, but this timeframe varies significantly depending on a number of factors. We can confirm that licensing rounds require a range of resources across various teams in Ofcom and varying levels of seniority.

The Northampton licensing round took just under 3 months from start to end. Please note that: a) at this time there were no competing priorities for the resources required; and b) we had to expedite this work in light of the impending expiry of the Inspiration FM licence.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).