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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?

Keep nothing confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Question 1: Do you agree that communications provider / single or multiple service provider partnerships are the most appropriate parties to apply for allocation of 116 numbers?

Yes

Question 2: Do you agree that a comparative selection process is the most appropriate way of determining applications for 116 numbers?

Yes

Question 3: Do you have any comments on the proposal for a 'call for interest' period? Do you think that six weeks allows sufficient time to make a submission of interest?

Yes

Question 4: Do you have any comments on the proposal for Government coordinated advisory committees to assist Ofcom with the 116 number allocation

process? Do you have any views on the possible membership of the advisory committees?

Not necessary. Keep the process simple, provided there is an appeal procedure.

Question 5: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's assessment of the three charging options for 116 numbers?

No

Question 6: Do you agree with Ofcom's conclusion that Charging option 3: 116 numbers are either freephone or free to caller on an individual basis is the most appropriate option?

Yes

Question 7: Do you agree with the suggested factors for deciding whether a service should be freephone or free to caller? Do you think any other factors should be taken into account?

Yes

Question 8: Do you agree that the initial three 116 services (116000 hotline for missing children; 116111 child helplines; 116123 emotional support helplines) should be free to caller? If not, please give your reasons.

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Question 9: Do you have any comments on the Impact Assessment on the options for allocation of 116 numbers and charging arrangements? Do you agree with Ofcom's conclusions?

No

Question 10: Do you have any specific comments on the proposed modifications to the Numbering Plan, Numbering Condition and/or the access code application form as set out in Annexes 11 to 13?

No

Comments:

The idea is good in principle. The question, as ever, is will people be able to remember or find the appropriate number easily?