

Response of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) to OFCOM's Consultation on its Strategic Review of Telecommunications Phase 2

Children and, in particular young people, are early adopters of new technology, especially in terms of telecommunications. This has been particularly evident in young people's use of mobile telephony and the internet. Any proposed changes that involve new tariffs, new market entry regulations and the provision of increased digital and IP-telephony could potentially have a disproportionate effect on young people.

We also note that while Ofcom distinguishes between business and residential customers, it does not appear to note that within a residential address there may be several different users of telephony and web-based services, with young people among those affected by changes and price charging.

We believe it is therefore important that young people are consulted as part of this strategic review, in order to ensure they have an appropriate voice in this vital review.

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