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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information regarding prosecutions against persons for misuse of PMR446 band. We received this request on 1 July 2021 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

You asked: 'I was wondering if its possible to give me figures as to how many prosecutions have been made against person or persons for the specific offence relating to using equipment on the PMR 446 band (446Mhz) against the licencing conditions. I appreciate this is a licence exempt band, but for example can you tell me if anyone has ever been prosecuted for using equipment above the permitted .5 Watts or for using an external antenna '

Our response

We are not aware of any prosecutions against any person(s) for specific offence relating to using equipment on the PMR 446 band (446Mhz) against the licencing conditions.

Ofcom treats each case on its own merits, aiming to get the user to comply with the relevant licence conditions. In doing so we may issue specific guidance requiring licensees to take action to rectify the breaches of licence conditions within specified time periods otherwise face possible prosecution. This has led to compliance with licence conditions and not requiring prosecution.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any queries, then please contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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