

Reference 613615

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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information where you asked about UHF frequency allocation.

This was received by Ofcom on 30 August and has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

- 1) With members of the emergency services moving to the airwave network a period of time ago now, what has happened to the allocated UHF channels assigned to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).*
- 2) Can you confirm the channel Frequencies that are still allocated to the MPS in UHF form*
- 3) Are these channel frequencies still in use or still usable by members of the MPS should they choose to do so?*

The UK emergency services retain access to spectrum in the UHF2 band (see UK FAT - https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0021/103296/fat-emergency-services.pdf)

This includes the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), who continue to use a small number of channels in UHF2 for operational purposes.

A small number of channels have been permanently returned for repurposing whilst a significant amount is shared with Business Radio/PMSE on a non-exclusive basis across the UK. This position is reviewed periodically with the responsible Emergency Services departments and end users. For further information please see:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-1/strategic-review-of-uhf-band-1-and-band-2>

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,

Julia Snape

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact:

Jacqui Gregory
The Secretary to the Corporation
Ofcom
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9HA

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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