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Information Requests

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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about the Sitefinder dataset and more up to date information since 2012. This was received on 21 April and has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

The information you have requested is not held. Ofcom does not hold a later dataset than is currently shown and is not receiving further updates.

You should be aware that although Sitefinder is at present available for reference, the historical data contained is incomplete and inaccurate with respect to current network deployments. No updates have been received for the majority of operators since, at the latest, 2010 / 2012 and some operators ceased providing voluntary data as long ago as 2005 and 2008. Sites that have since been added, removed or modified are therefore not reflected in the data. Largely as a result of the Information Commissioner's decision in 2007 ordering Ofcom to make the underlying data used to populate the Sitefinder database publically available, operators (who had expressed commercial and security concerns about the disclosure of the dataset) stopped voluntarily providing the information.

Please quote the reference number above in any future correspondence as this will help us to deal with your query more quickly.

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:

Steve Gettings
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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF