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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Community Radio expressions of interest (“EOI”).

This was received by Ofcom on 18 December and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for the number of EOIs for Community Radio licences submitted in various regions across the United Kingdom. In November 2017, we invited expressions of interest from groups interested applying for a Community Radio Licence¹. Please find below a table showing the number of EOIs from each area. It may be helpful to note that some of the places listed which are the result of more than one expression of interest may be for the same area or for adjacent areas which have been combined for this list.

Area description (taken from one or more expressions of interest)	Nation	No. of EOIs
Albrighton and Cosford (Shropshire)	England	1
Amersham and Chesham and the surrounding area (Buckinghamshire)	England	1
Borough of Scarborough (North Yorkshire)	England	1
Burghclere (Hampshire)	England	1
Carlisle (Cumbria)	England	1
Chesterfield (North Derbyshire)	England	1
Maryport, Workington, Whitehaven, Egremont (Cumbria)	England	1
Clowne, Bolsover and Barlborough (Derbyshire)	England	1
Dover (Kent)	England	2
Durham (County Durham)	England	1
Eastleigh, Hampshire	England	1
Faversham (Kent)	England	1

¹ https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0022/129640/Invitation-of-applications-for-community-radio-licences.pdf

Ferndown, Wimborne Minster, Corfe Mullen and Holt (Dorset)	England	3
Hastings (East Sussex)	England	1
Grimsby, Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe, Sutton-on-Sea, Chapel St Leonards, Ingoldmells, Skegness (Lincolnshire)	England	2
Lowestoft and north east Suffolk	England	1
Lutterworth (Leicestershire)	England	1
Melksham (Wiltshire)	England	1
North Somerset	England	1
Northwich, Middlewich and Winsford (central Cheshire)	England	1
Portishead (Somerset)	England	1
Ryedale (North Yorkshire)	England	1
Shaftesbury and Gillingham (Dorset) and Semley (Wiltshire)	England	1
South Bucks District (Beaconsfield, Denham, Gerrards Cross, Iver, Stoke Poges, Chalfont St Giles and Chalfont St Peter)	England	1
South east London/Borough of Croydon	England	1
Thornbury and district (Gloucestershire)	England	1
Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells (Kent)	England	1
Wallingford (Oxfordshire)	England	1
Wigan (Greater Manchester)	England	1
Ayr (South Ayrshire)	Scotland	1
Dundee	Scotland	2
Dunfermline (Fife)	Scotland	1
Edinburgh	Scotland	2
Hamilton, Larkhall, Stonehouse (South Lanarkshire)	Scotland	1
Kinross-shire	Scotland	1
Livingston, Bathgate and Linlithgow (West Lothian)	Scotland	1
Shotts (North Lanarkshire)	Scotland	1
Ballymena (County Antrim)	Northern Ireland	2
Enniskillen (County Fermanagh)	Northern Ireland	1
Newtownabbey (County Antrim)	Northern Ireland	1
Omagh (County Tyrone)	Northern Ireland	2

Merthyr Tydfil (Mid Glamorgan)	Wales	2
Locations within the Vale of Clwyd; Kinmel Bay, Abergele	Wales	4

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

Yours sincerely,

Jerin John

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:

Corporation Secretary
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
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Wilmslow
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