

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 6 October requesting a list of companies that currently hold a licence for using ground penetrating radar (GPR) in the UK which has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

Ofcom is unable to disclose the information you have requested. [Section 44 of the Act](#) prevents organisations releasing information if another act prohibits it. Section 393 of the Communications Act prohibits Ofcom releasing information if it is about a particular business, unless we have the consent of that business, the business is no longer in existence or release of the information would help Ofcom to carry out its duties. We do not have the consent of the businesses concerned, those businesses holding the licences are still in existence and we do not believe release of the information would help Ofcom carry out its duties.

If you would like any further information or would like to discuss the work you are undertaking please let me know.

Kind regards

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 exception 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