

Request for information

Thank you for your request for information about public telephone boxes across the UK which we have considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked for the locations and telephone numbers of these along with the type of box, age and usage statistics.

We do not hold information on type of box and age.

We are unable to release information on the other areas you have asked for as it is exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Act. This section of the Act prohibits release of information if another Act has said that it shouldn't. In this case Section 393 of the Communications Act restricts disclosure of information if it relates to a business which has been obtained under powers set out in the Communications Act unless we have the consent of that business or it furthers the carrying out of Ofcom's functions. We do not have the consent of BT to release the information and we do not consider it would help Ofcom to carry out its functions.

You could try contacting BT directly to see if they might release what you are after.

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 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