

Request for Information

Thank you for your emails dated 20 December and 3 January for information on our Connected Nations 2016 Report which we have considered under the Freedom of information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked for:

1. *2016 data for broadband speeds at postcode level*
2. *For Denbighshire / Sir Ddinbych the interactive data figure for 'Superfast Broadband premises coverage' (30Mb/s), is 79%, whereas the figure for 'Fixed broadband speed' is 63% at >=30Mb/s (% of Total Prem Count along Speed Threshold). I would be grateful for clarification on the distinction between these two figures which appear to be of the same measure.*

The data you have requested under question 1 will be released in a few weeks. Therefore we have applied section 22 of the Act to this part of your request, namely that the information is intended for future publication and that it would be against the public interest to release the information at this time. The below annex to this letter sets out the exemption in full, as well as the factors Ofcom considered when deciding where the public interest lay.

With regard to your request under question 2, this was missing a year filter. The information has now been corrected and is available on the website.

I hope this information is helpful.

Kind regards

Julia

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

Section 22: Information Intended For Future Publication

Section 22 may apply if there is an intention to publish the requested information at some future date. This ensures that the FOI Act does not force public authorities into premature publication of information.

Key points:

- Section 22 may apply even if the specific date for publication has not yet been determined but the proposed publication timetable must be **reasonable** in all the circumstances;
- Section 22 will only apply if a public authority has decided, before the request is received, to publish the information concerned;
- Section 22 is subject to a public interest balance.

Factors for disclosure	Factors for withholding
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open policy making and public confidence in regulated activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ofcom intends to publish the requested data by February 2017.
Reasons why public interest favours withholding information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ofcom is currently in discussions with the providers of the data. It is in the public interest that Ofcom publishes this information to all stakeholders at the same time.	