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Information Requests
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Dear,

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning the Spectrum enforcement team.

We received this request on 20 March 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”). On 25 March 2026 we received your revised request in response to our clarification query.

Your request & our response

In that case, can I ask the following then?

1. When did the Spectrum Enforcement team close?

The Spectrum Enforcement Team did not close. Following internal organisational naming change in 2020, the team was renamed from Spectrum Enforcement to Spectrum Compliance. The team now sits within the wider Spectrum Operations.

2. What happened to the staff employed in the Spectrum Enforcement team?

When the team was renamed, staff continued in their existing roles. There were no changes to personnel - only the team name was amended.

3. How many staff members are authorised by Ofcom to use powers including WTA 2006 powers to undertake investigations relating to RF Spectrum, and which teams are they part of?”

Ofcom staff members hold powers to support:

- a. Prevention and detection of interference to spectrum
- b. Granting of licences under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006
- c. Enforcement activity in relation to a and b

Ofcom does not publish the number of individual officers who undertake spectrum compliance investigations. Spectrum enforcement activity is delivered by staff within the Spectrum Group, which comprised approximately 242 in 2023-24. Officers undertake a range of regulatory, intelligence, assurance and enforcement functions, and the number of staff involved in investigations fluctuates depending on demand and risk. For operational and law enforcement reasons, more granular breakdowns are not publicly disclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress.

Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).