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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Mon FM Coverage and transmission power.

Your request was received by the Broadcast Licensing team on 5 January 2026 and was passed to the Information Requests team. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

..... I specifically requested the ERP for each of the transmitter locations. I understood that ERP data would be published alongside transmitter locations.

Technical parameters of all radio services can be found on the Ofcom website [here](#).

I am also keen to confirm Mon's official licenced service area as the map suggests that the broadcast area is not solely Ynys Mon but also Bangor and Caernarfon. What is their official licence area and the overall population served?

The licence area of Môn FM is Anglesey and North Gwynedd, as shown in the published [coverage map](#).

We do not publish population data for community radio. Whilst we hold this information, we consider that it is commercially sensitive and exempt from disclosure under section 43 of the FOI Act. Information is exempt under this provision if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Licensee. Section 43(2) of the FOI Act is a qualified exemption, which means that we have to consider whether or not the public interest in disclosing the information you have requested outweighs the public interest in withholding the information. In this case, we consider that the public interest favours withholding the information.

The attached Annex to this letter sets out the exemption in full, as well as the factors Ofcom considered when deciding where the public interest lay.

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](#).

Annex

<p>Section 43(2) of the FOI Act provides that:</p> <p>“Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)”.</p>	
<p>Factors for disclosure</p>	<p>Factors for withholding</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling the public to gain a better understanding of Ofcom’s work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population coverage for Mon FM is not published and publicly available, and it would be unfair to the Licensee if we were to publicise only their population figures and not others. Depending on whether the population figure is favourable to the Licensee, it could cause sponsors or advertisers to withdraw from their service and as such it will have a knock-on effect on the Licensee’s ability to compete effectively with their competitors.
<p>Reasons why public interest favours withholding information</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We consider that, on balance, the potential prejudice to commercial interests outweighs the public interest in disclosure of only the Licensee’s population figures . We consider that such population figures arguably only provide a limited contribution to enabling the public to better understand how Ofcom performs its functions while disclosure would likely prejudice the Licensee’s commercial interests. 	