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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning fibre connectivity in the UK - data set. We received this request on 15 May 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'FOI Act').

Your request & our response

We are doing work into the Fibre networks in the UK and one piece of information we are trying to understand is for a particular postcode the number of underlying providers that are passing that home.

Effectively we are trying to see if a given home has been passed by 0,1,2... fibre laying companies and ideally who those companies are.

Is this a dataset that is available from yourselves or indeed is available to purchase.

We do hold information premise-level full fibre coverage from individual providers, which is collected for our Connected Nations reports.

We have permission to show available networks at a particular address on our [broadband coverage checker](#), but we do not have permission to release this data in bulk form. We consider that disclosure of this information is exempt under the FOI Act. In particular, section 44(1)(a) of the FOI Act exempts disclosure of information if its disclosure is prohibited under another enactment. Ofcom is prohibited under section 393(1) of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Communications Act') from disclosing information about a business which we have obtained in the course of exercising a power conferred by the Communications Act among others, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act is met, neither of which applies here. Section 44 of the FOI Act is an absolute exemption and therefore is not subject to a public interest test.

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

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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](#).