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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 about First FM revocation decision.

We received this request on 8 May 2026 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the FOI Act').

### Your request and our response

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*I note that Ofcom have revoked the licence for First FM in Oxford. Please may I have a copy of this decision.*

<i>Service name</i>	<i>Licensee</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason</i>
<i>First FM</i>	<i>OX4 FM Community Interest Company</i>	<i>Oxford</i>	<i>Revocation</i>

We publish our investigations and breach findings in our bulletin here: [Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin](#).

By way of background, in October 2025, we published a breach decision against OX4 FM Community Interest Company, which held the licence for First FM, for failure to pay its annual licence fee for its radio licence (see [broadcast-licensees-late-and-non-payment-of-licence-fees-various-licensees.pdf](#)).

As set out in the above Bulletin, we considered that this breach was serious and we were minded to consider it for the imposition of a statutory sanction.

We revoked this licence in March 2026 (see: [Monthly Radio broadcast update](#) - March).

We are unable to provide further information concerning the revocation as we consider any further information about this broadcast licence exempt from disclosure under section 44 of the FOI Act. Section 44(1) of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt from disclosure if its disclosure is prohibited by or under any enactment. The enactment that prohibits the disclosure of this information is section 393(1) of the Communications Act 2003 ("the Communications Act"). Under this section, we are prohibited from disclosing information with respect to a particular business that has been obtained in the exercise of our regulatory functions, unless that business consents or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act is met, neither of which apply here. Section 44 of the FOI Act is an absolute exemption and therefore is not subject to the 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 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](mailto: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](#).