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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your follow-up request concerning [Resilience-related statistics in Connected Nations](#).

Your follow-up request was received on 3 September 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

Your request & our response

1. For requests 1 and 2, the breakdown by nation includes a few rows with incidents where multiple nations are named (e.g. a row lists two incidents in "Scotland, Northern Ireland"). Are those incidents that impacted both of those nations simultaneously? And "Nationwide (GB)" incidents impacted all of GB simultaneously?

Yes.

2. In my original request I had asked if it this data could be provided as a timeseries (i.e. number of events per year). Is it possible to split out the data that you have provided to include the number of incidents per year in each nation since 2023?

While we hold information in scope, we are unable to provide a breakdown of the above by nation for each year as breaking this information further down could identify particular communications provider/s, and we therefore consider that this information is exempt under section 44 of the FOI Act. Section 44 exempts the disclosure of information which is prohibited by another enactment. We are prohibited under section 393 of the Communications Act 2003 (the Act) from disclosing information which relates to a business, which we have obtained in exercise of our powers, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory gateways for disclosure under section 393(2) of the Act is met, neither of which applies here. Section 44 is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

3. In addition to resilience incidents attributable to power, what other categories are available in the existing reporting? For example, is it possible to determine how many resilience incidents are related to weather?

We hold information on ENISA Natural Phenomena and this includes storms, wildfires and rodent induced incidents etc.

We are unable to provide breakdowns of this data for the same reason explained in response to question 2 above.

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](#).