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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 UK Data Centre Infrastructure.

We received this request on 3 September 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

"This request is for two pieces of information in regards to UK based Data Centres.

I am using the FoI route since I can find a direct link to any data/analyst functions within your web site. But if you need further clarification from me, please do get back to me.

Firstly searching the internet I found this direct link to an EXCEL workbook on your web site. <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/siteassets/resources/documents/consultations/category-1-10-weeks/124718-bcmr/associated-documents/secondary-documents/data-centres-list.xlsx?v=50582> . Unfortunately I can not get to any meta data about this list, in particular what counts as a Data Centre, and what date this data relates to.

Secondly this news story talks about 315 data centres ready to connect to the grid, can you supply information on the location (postcode) and name of the operator with any information on timescales for their construction/operation? <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/jul/29/datacentre-projects-fees-grid-access-connection-queue-ofgem>."

Our response

Regarding the first part of your request, the spreadsheet you refer to was published as part of Ofcom's Business Connectivity Market Review in 2018: [Consultation: Business connectivity market review](#).

Section 3 of *Consultation Volume 1: Market analysis, proposed SMP findings and remedies* provides market context and definitions, please see par. 3.14 p.22 for data centres: [Consultation Volume 1: Market analysis, proposed SMP findings and remedies \[Updated 19 December 2018\]](#).

In response to the second part of your request, we do not hold the requested information. You may wish to contact the energy regulator Ofgem, to which the Guardian article specifically refers. The 315 figure seems to come from a recent consultation published by Ofgem: [Curate – Demand Connections Reform](#).

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](#).