

Postcode Address File – summary of responses

Many stakeholders including the Open Data Institute and the Centre for Public Data have requested that Ofcom review the UK Address data held by Royal Mail known as the Postcode Address File (PAF). Each individual response will be taken into consideration in our final Plan of Work, but since the responses were similar in nature, we have summarised the key points below.

Stakeholders have requested that Ofcom review the price of the PAF and its governance structures. Many respondents highlighted the importance of robust and up to date address data to charities, businesses, and academics and several went on to request that this data set be made into a publicly available open source database. Several respondents also noted concerns with the governance model of the PAF, highlighting a lack of clarity on where responsibilities lie between Ofcom and the Geospatial commission.

Ofcom received over 50 responses in regards to this issue, including the following individuals and organisations; Andy Turner, Christopher Billows, David Clifford, Open Health Hub CIC, Christopher Billows, Adrian Sevitz, Alex Bickerton, Alex Farley, Andy Parkhouse, Chloe Rutland, Cranfield University, Simon Ellis, Stephen Lovelady, Tam Watson, Tom Neill, NHSX, Global Witness and Elin Barrett.