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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to add my voice to the doubtless hundreds of others you will have already heard to say that you ought to offer free VHF spectrum ranges to these two charity funded emergency services.

These spectra are owned by the country, the community, the tax paying public. I understand that the Government has appointed Ofcom to manage them, and it is now de rigueur to auction ranges to the highest bidder.

However surely it is clear to anyone (with the possible exception of those that live only in the world of spreadsheets), that these organisations provide a valuable service to the community, one that is already funded by the public without Government support, and one that should continue to be provided with the least financial hinderance.

To put a more emotional spin on the above argument, if the MRT and RNLI were forced to scale back their vital services as a result of paying for previously free or discounted spectra, how would you feel if you yourselves, or your loved ones, were to be left stranded and in dire need of rescue?

Please reconsider!