

I am chairman of the Aughton branch of a fund raising committee for the RNLI and was shocked to learn that you are proposing to increase charges to organisations such as the RNLI for the use of radio bands by 600%, from a current £40,000 to £260,000.

We have raised an enormous amount of money over the years to help equip and support the brave men and women who venture out to sea to search and rescue those in distress and cannot understand why the RNLI should be paying anything for this vital service, far less to be faced with such a massive increase.

I would be grateful if you would lodge this email as a very strong objection to the proposed policy and hope that if you really do mean "consultation" that you will listen to what the RNLI and their supporters have to say.