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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about connectivity data in the UK by region.

We received this request on 8 November 2022 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

You asked: 'I'm working on compiling data on productivity drivers in the UK regions and want to use Ofcom data on 'Gigabit availability'/ 4G coverage. The Connected Nations reports do not provide details on each of the regions in England. We are looking for data in years from 2015 to 2020 for Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and all regions in England. Would it be possible to request annual data for 'Access to Gigabit-capable internet services' by regions in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland from Ofcom?'

Our response

The information on gigabit-capable networks is available at postcode, Census Output area, Local Authority and Consistency level. Although we do not explicitly provide data for regions in the UK, these can be derived from the data that we have provided already in the public domain. We would suggest contacting the Office for National Statistics for assistance.

Mobile coverage information is also available at the Local Authority level which can be mapped to UK regions.

Please note that we have only recently started to collect information on gigabit-capable and 5G availability; relevant data can be found in previous Connected Nations reports, although we do not hold such data as far back as 2015.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Gloria Akinyemi

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#).

Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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