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## Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information in relation to amateur radio licence holders. We received this request on 4 January 2022 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked

*Can you please tell me if the call sign M5SHA or MM6SHA is held by (redacted) with the previous call sign MM6SSI?*

### Our response

In line with our duties under data protection legislation, Ofcom may disclose personal information to persons other than the data subject, only if we have the consent of the data subject or if we are legally obliged to disclose the information. We set this out in our general privacy statement under 'How will Ofcom use my personal data?' here: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/foi-dp/general-privacy-statement>.

As you do not appear to qualify under any of the criteria listed on our website, we are unable to disclose any information to you. If the holder of an Amateur Radio Licence consents to their name appearing in a call sign book, we pass their details to the publisher of the book. We are aware of only one such book, published by the Radio Society of Great Britain ('RSGB'). If the data subject has consented as described and if you were to obtain a copy of the RSGB's call book (called the RSGB Yearbook, here: <https://www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/RSGB-Yearbook-2022-2034.html>), the postal address of the data subject should be published there.

As for a call sign that might formerly have identified an amateur radio station, if the individual radio amateur had given their consent, then their call sign and postal address should have appeared in the RSGB Yearbook for the year in question. You may be able to obtain copies of old Yearbooks from the RSGB.

If you have any queries, then please contact [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Eleanor Scott

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](mailto: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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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