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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about 5G coverage by Local Authority.

We received this request on 16 March 2023 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

You asked: *'The Connected Nations datasets for mobile coverage by local authority only give figures for 2G, 3G and 4G (as outlined in*

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0027/249462/202209-about-mobile-coverage-local-and-unitary-authority.pdf

Summary information is presented in the Connected Nations report, but it would be useful to have 5G data included in the datasets in future. I note that you also publish mobile strength measurement data, but this only covers a small number of main roads in the city that your vehicles have driven down. I am specifically interested in the figures for my local authority (Derby City Council), for the most recent Connected Nations Report (2022 last updated 08 February 2023)'

Our response

We are working to provide 5G information in our interactive charts and open data files for future Connected Nations Updates and full/annual reports. The exact format of how 5G would be presented in these outputs is under review.

With reference to mobile strength measurement data, drive testing is performed to understand and verify the coverage models of Mobile Network Operators on a general basis, the results of which do not directly feed into the results published in Connected Nations products, so there is no specific data available.

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,

Information requests

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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