

Reference: 01581387

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning radio frequencies licensed by Ofcom to UK Search and Rescue . Your request was received on 10 March 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (the “EIR”).

Your request

can you provide all radiofrequencies license by Ofcom to UK search and rescue (UKSAR)

Our response

All of the frequencies that we have licensed to the MCA (on behalf of UKSAR) are included in our publication “[Frequencies for distress and safety, search and rescue and emergencies in the UK](#)”.

It is government policy that the Crown pay for the spectrum that it uses. We therefore issue radio licences to Crown bodies, where the licence fee reflects the value of the spectrum being used (as opposed to reflecting our costs). Of the frequencies listed in this publication, only the UHF frequencies listed for Polycon and the VHF frequencies have actually been licensed, as such, to UK SAR. Other frequencies are not licensed, as such, as the user is a Crown body.

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

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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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