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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information in relation to private 5G Spectrum applicants in Scotland. We received this request on 19 January 2023. We have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

Your request

You said:

Under the freedom of information act, Would it be possible if you can you please send the list of all applicants for Private 5G Spectrum in Scotland over last 12 months.

Our response

There is no spectrum in the UK that is dedicated solely for 5G, however there are a range of bands which may be suitable / used for 5G (or other services). A list of licence products can be seen at Radiocommunications licences.

Spectrum has been made available for <u>shared access</u>, which may include private users, in four frequency bands. Details of licences that have been granted can be found in Ofcom's <u>Spectrum Information Portal</u>, by a search in option 3 (licences) and selecting the two Shared Access categories, (Low and Medium power).

There is also a category for <u>local access</u> where short term use of spectrum that is licensed nationally to mobile operators may be authorised. This page includes a list published of the current licensees and areas of operation.

Both Shared and Local Access licences may be applied for throughout the UK, including Scotland. However, please note that in both cases we are unable to say whether it is 5G or another technology that is in use where licences have been granted.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any queries, then please contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Temiloluwa Dawodu

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.reguests@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:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF