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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Airwave Sharers List - Airwave Accreditation Secretariat

We received this request on 22 January 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

In respect of the Airwave radio communications service please could you provide the following information:

- 1. List of approved airwave users/sharers (name and address if possible).

 The list of approved Airwave Sharers can be found on our website at https://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/radiocommunication-licences/emergency-services
- 2. If know the number of airwaves terminals in use by the approved user/sharer organisation(s). We do not hold this information.
- 3. Please can you provide details of who sits on the Airwave Accreditation Secretariat and where it's based and staff numbers?

We have not provided the names of staff on the secretariat as we consider that this information is exempt from disclosure. This is by virtue of section 40(2) of the FOI Act, which provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the FOI Act and does not require a public interest test. We can confirm the Airwave Accreditation Secretariat is within the Home Office. For information you may wish to contact airwave.accreditation@homeoffice.gov.uk

4. Please can you provide a list of organisations granted TEA2 Sub Licence (TETRA Encryption Algorithm 2)?

We do not hold this information as this process is managed by the Airwave Accreditation Secretariat.

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,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress.

Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.