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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Pride Cymru and amateur radio spectrum.

We received this request on 23 June 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request and our response

I'd like to verify whether Pride Cymru or associated security/event staff have been issued any spectrum licenses, particularly in the 430-440 or 144-146 MHz ranges. I'm concerned due to their claim that licensed amateur operation may interfere with their system.

I was told by their staff that I am not to use my licensed amateur radio equipment during their event, which covers all of Cardiff.

When I explained that I am licensed and trained and using equipment that will only interfere if they are using the amateur radio bands, their staff advised that they believe it would.

I'd appreciate if you could confirm whether they are somehow permitted to prohibit operation on the amateur radio spectrum.

To clarify, I was told that my equipment - which is restricted by hardware to the amateur bands - will cause interference if used anywhere near the event parade route. I have explained that I am licensed (callsign [REDACTED] - though I prefer you not pass on my details please) and that my equipment could only interfere if they are using licensed spectrum inappropriately.

We have searched our records and can find no licensee called Pride Cymru. Information relating to all licences technically assigned by Ofcom can be found on our Spectrum Information Portal [Spectrum information portal - Ofcom](#)

The conditions relating to the operation of radio equipment are set out in the licences issued by Ofcom under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006. The terms and conditions of the licence have been developed to ensure that any interference, if it were ever to occur, would be minimal. Condition 8 of your licence confers certain powers to require the modification, restriction or closedown of your equipment to a certain person authorised by Ofcom. We do not normally authorise third parties to do this. In regards to Pride Cymru, we are not aware of any authority under the Wireless Telegraphy Act that would have prevented you from operating your equipment in Cardiff however, there may have been in place local restrictions or byelaws implemented by the local Council which might have restricted certain activities for those attending the event.

We 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](#).