

Reference: 01989356

Information Requests
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Dear,

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Community radio stations in Northern Ireland.

We received this request on 23 April 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

- 1 A list of all community station broadcasting on DAB in Northern Ireland and a link/copy to their key commitments?*
- 2 Are these DAB stations under the same conditions as other community stations, for example how long is their licence, how many extensions are they allowed etc?*

Our response

1. We publish a list of all licensed Community Digital Sound Programme (C-DSP) licences on our [website](#). C-DSP licences are for community stations broadcasting on DAB. The Key Commitments for each C-DSP licence can be found under within each licensee [licensee record on our website](#).
2. C-DSP licences have different conditions compared to analogue community radio stations. Information regarding licence conditions and licence duration is published within our [guidance notes for applicants](#). We also have an example licence [on our website](#) where you can see the licence conditions of a C-DSP.

There is no end date to a C-DSP licence and therefore no licence extensions are required. As stated in our [guidance notes](#) “The licence remains in force from the commencement date until it is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by Ofcom.” (5.17)

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](#).