

Reference: 02071002

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning broadband monopoly.

Your request was received on 1 September 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

"I wish to know if they (Wessex) will be required at any point to open up their network to competition as I believe other network providers have done and if so when?"

Our response

We do not hold this information. You would need to contact Wessex directly.

To be helpful, we can provide you with the following guidance:

It would depend on whether Wessex were in receipt of government funding to deploy their FTTP network or not. [Building Digital UK](#) would likely have provided the funding.

If they were in receipt of government funding, then there are generally clauses within the funding contract that stipulate that the network must be made available to others to supply services. From checking [Wessex Internet's website](#), we can see that they have published a wholesale reference offer, inviting Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to sign-up to provide retail customers with service via Wessex Internet's network.

If Wessex weren't in receipt of government funding, then there is no obligation on them to allow other providers to supply services.

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](#).