

Reference: 01854525

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Cheshire East residents' rubbish bins.

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

Your request

- 1) Has Cheshire East Council, or the Councils which were previously separate entities and later merged under Cheshire East Council, installed microchips to any of the residents' rubbish bins?*
- 2) Is Cheshire East Council, and its previous separate Council entities, currently monitoring data provided by microchips installed to any residents' rubbish bins? If so, how many, and which bins are these installed to?*
- 3) Please provide any figures for Cheshire East Council, and its previous separate Council entities, concerning the costs of microchipping residents' rubbish bins; cost per individual chip, installation costs, monitoring costs in each financial year since the microchip chips were first installed.*
- 4) Please provide a copy of internal guidance on Cheshire East Councils, and its previous separate Council entities, concerning the microchipping of residents' rubbish bins and any DPA guidelines they must adhere to.*

For the purpose of clarification, when referring to rubbish bins I include all types of household receptacles including and not limited to; wheelie bins, dust bins, recycling bins or boxes.

Our response

We do not hold this information. You may wish to contact Cheshire East Council.

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](#).