

FOI DOF/2025-0409

Response

I can confirm that the Department of Finance (DoF) holds some of the information requested regarding our organisation's mobile phone contract(s).

We have provided the answers under each of your questions for ease of reference.

1. Network Provider(s)

Please confirm the name(s) of the current mobile network provider(s) (e.g. EE, Vodafone, O2/Telefonica, Three).

EE
Telefonica UK Ltd - O2
Vodafone
Gamma (three)

2. Annual Average Spend

Please provide the annual average spend for each mobile network provider. If a new contract has been awarded recently, an estimated annual spend is sufficient.

This information is not held by Department of Finance but may be held by other Northern Ireland Government Departments and other Northern Ireland Public Bodies.

3. Number of Connections

Please provide the total number of mobile connections, broken down by:

- **Voice-only devices**
- **Voice and data devices**
- **Data-only devices**

As of 24/7/25	Vodafone	O2	EE	Three
Voice Only	772	646	23	0
Voice & Data	4300	1890	4252	0
Data Only	3769	2674	1895	0
Total connections	8841	5210	6170	0

4. Contract Duration

Please confirm the length of each contract and whether any extension options are included.

Four years. No contract extensions are included.

5. Contract Start Date

Please provide the actual contract start date(s) for each provider. (Please do not include the framework start date unless it is also the date of the signed agreement).

Vodafone – 6th Feb 2025
Telefonica UK Ltd (O2) – 20th Feb 2025
EE (Class Affinity Projects Ltd) – 1st April 2025
Gamma (three) – 14th April 2025

6. Contract Expiry Date

Please confirm the expiry date(s) of the current agreement(s). If the contract is rolling, please specify.

Vodafone – 5th Feb 2029
Telefonica UK Ltd (O2) – 19th Feb 2029
EE (Class Affinity Projects Ltd) – 31st March 2029
Gamma (three) – 13th April 2029

7. Contract Review Date

Please indicate when the organisation intends to review or retender the mobile phone contract(s).

Vodafone – 5th Feb 2026
Telefonica UK Ltd (O2) – 19th Feb 2026
EE (Class Affinity Projects Ltd) – 31st March 2026
Gamma (three) – 13th April 2026

8. Responsible Officer

Please provide the name, job title, direct phone number and email address of the individual(s) responsible for managing this contract.

If full contact details cannot be disclosed, the job title will suffice.

Specific contact information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Act. See below for further details on the application of this exemption, and also see The Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test applied to the same in Annex B below. However, we can provide the Job title which is:

Client Operations Manager, IT Assist, Digital Shared Services.

The requester is also provided with ITAssist.AdminTeam@finance-ni.gov.uk

- generic email address. Any further follow up can be internally passed to business area head of branch.

If the service was purchased through a procurement framework, please also provide the name of the framework and its reference number.

Crown Commercial Services, Mobile Voice & Data Services (RM6261) - Lot 1 - Mobile Voice & Data Services Catalogue - Framework

9. Managed Service Provider (if applicable)

If the mobile phone services are managed via a third-party provider, please confirm the name of the network provider, the number of connections, and the name/job title of the person responsible internally.

N/A

10. Aggregation

Is this mobile phone contract part of a wider aggregation exercise with other organisations? If so, please specify.

No

11. Current Tendering or Future Plans

If the current contract has expired or is operating on a rolling basis, please confirm the organisation's intentions moving forward.

If your organisation is currently out to tender, please provide the anticipated award date and any available details.

N/A

12. Recent Contract Award (if applicable)

If this contract was awarded within the past three months, please provide the shortlist of suppliers who submitted bids.

Please note that the below information falls outside of the 3-month period, we have supplied the following as it may prove helpful.

There was no shortlist of suppliers. All 4 suppliers listed below that responded within the framework were taken through and we have an active contract with all.

Vodafone – 6th Feb 2025

Telefonica UK Ltd (O2) – 20th Feb 2025

EE (Class Affinity Projects Ltd) – 1st April 2025

Gamma (three) – 14th April 2025

Applied Exemption - Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Information you have requested is being withheld because it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

Annex B

TEMPLATE FOR APPLYING FOI SECTION 40(2) OR EIR 12(3) 13(1)

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The lawfulness, fairness and transparency test

Business areas are required to carry out a “lawfulness, fairness and transparency test” when considering the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of a FOI or EIR request. **In most cases**, neither of the lawful basis outlined below will apply, however the business area must complete the test as evidence as having considered.

The steps are as follows:-

1. Consider the Personal Data falling within the scope of the request

What is the nature of the data, are there references to a name, location, physical, genetic, economic, cultural identifiers, include how the information held is linked to the data subject, e.g. is it used to inform decisions affecting them.

Brief description: Staff name and contact information.

2. Lawfulness

Do either of the two lawful bases below, which allow for the processing (**disclosure**) of personal data, apply? **No**

- Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request.
- Legitimate interests:** the processing (**disclosure**) is necessary for the Department’s legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

If yes, please indicate by ticking the relevant box and continue to **3** below.

If no, an exemption/exception for 3rd party personal data will apply and the form is complete.