



Access to Public Information Request

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Request for information:

In respect of coronavirus – covid-19 cases, do any of them live near any of the 5g testing sites or did any come from areas outside the Island where there was 5g? Will the Department insist on a halt to 5g development until there is an investigation into how safe 5g is for the population?

Response:

Conspiracy theories supposedly linking 5G and coronavirus have been resoundingly rebutted by scientific and Public Health experts across the world including the World Health Organisation. As such, data on the location of cases is not relevant and therefore not collected.

Since the API request was submitted, the States of Guernsey has directed the Committee *for* Economic Development to present a policy letter to the States of Deliberation this year, detailing its recommended policy on 5G technology, including specific reference to the licence conditions and criteria. As was noted in HSC's letter of comment in respect of the Requête, Guernsey's Directors of Public Health and of Environmental Health & Pollution Regulation published in late 2019 a joint position statement setting out that, having reviewed published research, there is insufficient evidence of adverse health or environmental effects of electromagnetic field (EMF) radiation connected to the use of 5G frequencies. The Committee has full confidence in the integrity and rigour of this advice.