



# Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

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Dear Mr/Ms Alexander,

Thank you for your email of 23 August in which you made a follow-up request for information relating to 5G RuralFirst. We have treated your request as correspondence as it is not a request for recorded information, and to respond to the questions raised requires an explanation. Please find answers to your questions below:

**1) Can you please provide me with name/s of the company/organisations who did carry out the said trials in the Orkneys, Shropshire and Somerset?**

Partners for the project can be found here - <https://www.5gruralfirst.org/partners/>.

**2) What was the total value of your funding donated?**

The 5G RuralFirst Project received £4.3 million as a Government grant. The project, along with the other six, has now been extended following an internal assessment process for an additional six months, with £1.3 million of additional funding allocated to maximise the benefits and learnings from these projects.

**3) What was the criteria set by your company /department for providing funding?**

The criteria for selection of successful bids is set out in the competition guidance linked below.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/5g-testbed-and-trials-programme-phase-1-competition-guidance>.

**4) To whom did the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport make the payment to?**

All payments for this project were made to Cisco who then distributed them to their partners as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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