



By email

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Our ref: 18/10/fb/731

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Dear Ms Gomez

Re: Electro Magnetic Sensitivity as a medical condition

Thank you for your email dated 18 October 2019. Your request for information has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

I have addressed your request in the order raised:

- 1) *In what capacity do Public Health England recognise Electro Magnetic Sensitivity as a medical condition? Whereas the medical profession do recognise this condition.*

Public Health England (PHE) recognises the impact that electrical sensitivity/hypersensitivity can have on people, as explained in the attached PHE RF Advice Summary note – please see the section on electrical sensitivity.

- 2) *Whereas the ICNIRP guidelines Public health England follow do not provide adequate PROTECTION for those with EMS.*

Regarding the evidence as to whether electrical sensitivity/hypersensitivity is caused by exposure to electromagnetic fields, please refer to the section in the summary note.

- 3) *Whereas symptoms of the condition become non-existent or almost non-existent in areas free from artificial EMF omitted from phone masts such as 2g 3g 4g 5g.*

Regarding the evidence as to whether electrical sensitivity/hypersensitivity is caused by exposure to electromagnetic fields, please refer to the section in the summary note.

- 4) *What are the steps that Public Health England are doing to protect those with Electro Magnetic Sensitivity from EMF omitted from 2g 3g 4g 5g?*

Regarding the evidence as to whether electrical sensitivity/hypersensitivity is caused by exposure to electromagnetic fields, please refer to the section in the summary note.

5) *In what capacity is Public health England following the laws regarding the equality act as regards protecting those with Electro Magnetic Sensitivity as well as the rest of the UK POPULATION in its performance of its duty to ensure the safety of ALL the people of the United Kingdom?*

PHE recognises the impact that electrical sensitivity/hypersensitivity can have on people and their needs have been considered in developing PHE's advice, as explained in the attached summary note.

6) *It has shown increasingly that the current guidelines DO NOT PROTECT those with EMS which is increasing by the day what is Public Health Englands' policy regarding protecting those with EMS.*

Regarding the evidence as to whether electrical sensitivity/hypersensitivity is caused by exposure to electromagnetic fields, please refer to the section in the summary note.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely,

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