



Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-553  
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Dear William

Thank you for your recent letter asking for my further views on petition P-04-553 from Cymru Sofren/Sovereign Wales calling for a full and independent investigation into the health risks of wireless and mobile phone technologies in Wales including all schools.

You have asked for my views on the evidence and information that Ofcom has provided to you in the course of your consideration of the petition. Ofcom confirms the position that I provided in my previous letter to you on 4 October 2014. This position was provided to the Welsh Government by Public Health England Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards (PHE-CRCE). Therefore, I have no comments to make on Ofcom's response.

You have also asked me to confirm whether PHE-CRCE takes account of evidence from within Wales in providing advice to the Welsh Government. I can confirm this is the case. PHE-CRCE, as well as international organisations with similar responsibilities to its own for reviewing and advising on the health-related scientific research, gathers evidence from peer-reviewed scientific journals, which are global in coverage. If Welsh organisations have carried out well-designed scientific studies and published their results in the peer-reviewed literature, that evidence will have been taken into account in developing the international scientific consensus and in PHE's advice to the Welsh Government.

You may wish to note that PHE-CRCE is a specialist centre of expertise on radiation hazards with many years experience and strong international connections providing advice on a UK basis and this expertise is not duplicated in Wales. For this reason both the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales obtain advice on such issues from PHE-CRCE. I mention this as I note that the petitioner has queried in his correspondence why such advice is not obtained from Public Health Wales.

Based on the above information I hope that you are reassured that the evidence of compliance with international exposure guidelines and PHE-CRCE's continued monitoring of the scientific research data provides sufficient information that the public is protected in this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

**Mark Drakeford AC / AM**

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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