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REQUEST

Please complete the attached table.

RESPONSE

Section 1 - Mark 'X' to the following that apply	Mark 'X' if the following is correct
Motor vehicles (for example police cars or ambulances), human powered vehicles (for example a cycle response bike), aircrafts (such as air ambulances or police helicopters) or portable devices used by first responders (such as mobile phones or tablets), allocated for responding to emergency incidents **use radio technology** for communication with first responders or other emergency services personnel?	X
Motor vehicles (for example police cars or ambulances), human powered vehicles (for example a cycle response bike), aircrafts (such as air ambulances or police helicopters) or portable devices used by first responders (such as mobile phones or tablets), allocated for responding to emergency incidents **use mobile technology** for communication with first responders or other emergency services personnel?	X
Motor vehicles (for example police cars or ambulances), human powered vehicles (for example a cycle response bike), aircrafts (such as air ambulances or police helicopters) or portable devices used by first responders (such as mobile phones or tablets), allocated for responding to emergency incidents **use satellite technology** for communication with first responders or other emergency services personnel?	
Motor vehicles (for example police cars or ambulances), human powered vehicles (for example a cycle response bike), aircrafts (such as air ambulances or police helicopters) or portable devices used by first responders (such as mobile phones or tablets), allocated for responding to emergency incidents **use 2G networks** for communication with first responders or other emergency services personnel?	
Motor vehicles (for example police cars or ambulances), human powered vehicles (for example a cycle response bike), aircrafts (such as air ambulances or police helicopters) or portable devices used by first responders (such as mobile phones or tablets), allocated for responding to emergency incidents **use 3G networks** for communication with first responders or other emergency services personnel?	

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Motor vehicles (for example police cars or ambulances), human powered vehicles (for example a cycle response bike), aircrafts (such as air ambulances or police helicopters) or portable devices used by first responders (such as mobile phones or tablets), allocated for responding to emergency incidents **use 4G networks** for communication with first responders or other emergency services personnel?	X
Motor vehicles (for example police cars or ambulances), human powered vehicles (for example a cycle response bike), aircrafts (such as air ambulances or police helicopters) or portable devices used by first responders (such as mobile phones or tablets), allocated for responding to emergency incidents **use 5G networks** for communication with first responders or other emergency services personnel?	X
Section 2	**Answer here**
Are your first responders and emergency services vehicles able to achieve guaranteed network connectivity across 100% of their administrative area? Yes or No?	No – not guaranteed
How many issues specifically relating to communication or connectivity issues across first responder vehicles and devices have been logged over the last five calendar years?	1 – only 1x logged (3 ½ years worth of data)
Over the last five calendar years there has been a set budget allocated for new communication technologies for incident response? If so, what was this figure?	No
Over the last five calendar years was there a set budget allocated for replacing or mending faulty or unreliable incident response communication technologies? If so, what was this figure?	Approx £5,000pa