



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Regulator commissions mobile mast emissions audit**

The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (the Authority) has announced dates for the annual audit of emissions from mobile phone masts in the Bailiwick as part of its commitment to make sure they comply with internationally agreed safe levels.

The Authority has commissioned specialist independent engineers from Freshwave to carry out the work at pre-determined sites at the end of September.

Standards are laid down by the International Commission for Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). ICNIRP emission standards are recognised by the World Health Organisation and are used within the EU and other regions as a benchmark against which to measure the safety of radio-frequency emissions.

Michael Byrne, CEO at the GCRA said, "We carry out this work on an annual basis so that we can ensure Guernsey's mobile phone infrastructure meets best international standards. ICNIRP emissions standards and guidelines are very clear and form part of the licence conditions for operators offering mobile phone services in the Bailiwick. We work with specialists in this field to ensure those standards are being met. The independent engineers from Freshwave are very familiar with the Bailiwick and our infrastructure and we are pleased they will be returning this year to undertake the work on our behalf."

The audit also examines safety processes and procedures to ensure compliance with local health and safety legislation. The results of the audit, which should be available towards the end of the year, will be published at [www.gcra.gg](http://www.gcra.gg) and will be available in hard copy on request.

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The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA) (formerly the Office of Utility Regulation) was established under The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2012. The GCRA is responsible for regulating the telecoms, postal and electricity sectors and for the administration and enforcement of the Guernsey competition law.