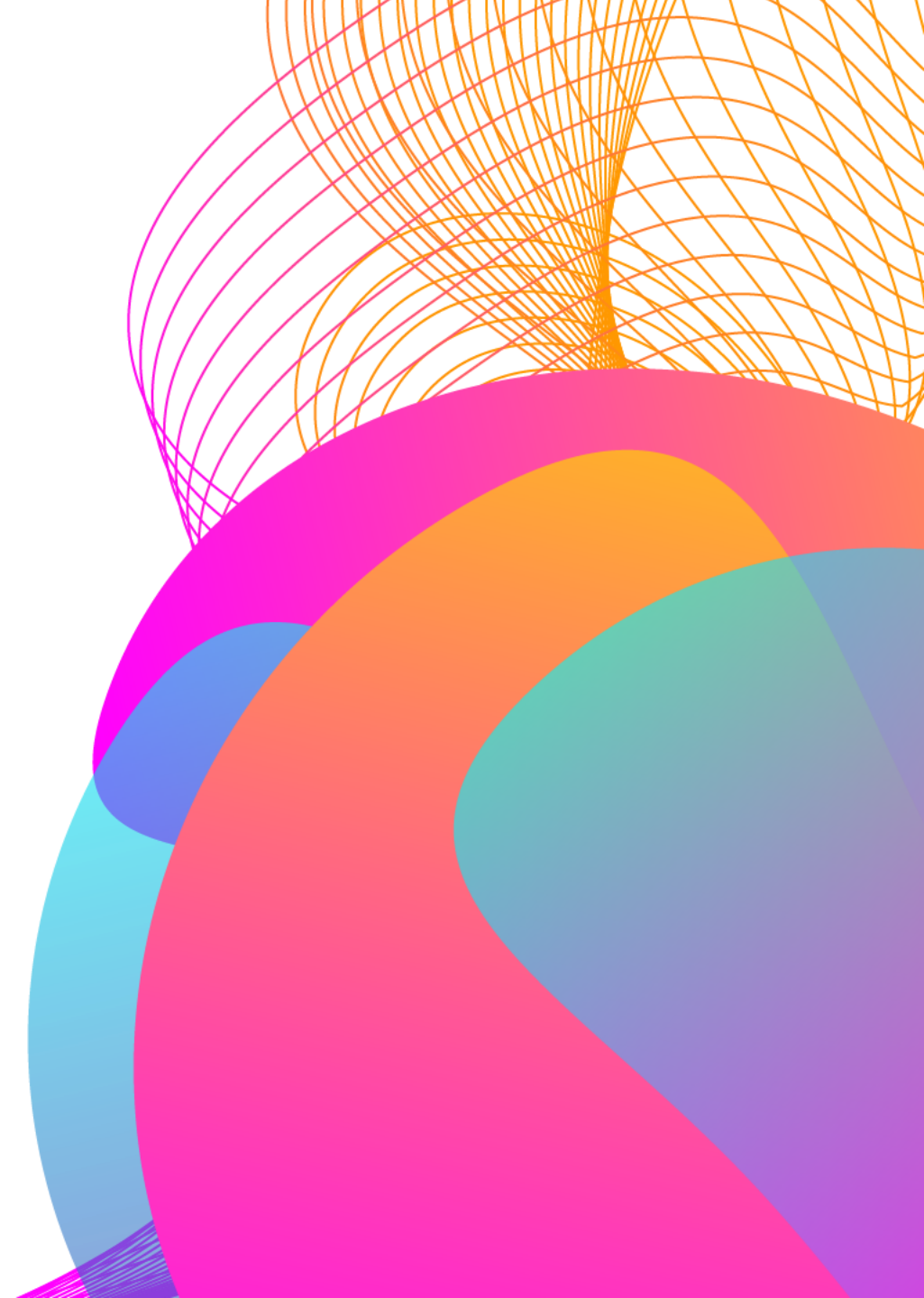




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# STRATEGIC DEFENCE REVIEW

- Published 02 June 2025: government accepted and endorsed all recommendations in the review.
- Establishing a more lethal 'integrated force' equipped for the future, and strengthened homeland defence: five domains.
- Establish a new Cyber and Electromagnetic Command to lead overarching strategy on electro-magnetic warfare, shape standards in alignment with NATO, and provide single point of contact for armed forces on CyberEM.
- Spectrum Coordination Office to coordinate spectrum operations, support civilian-military coordination.



# THE 10 YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

- Published 19 June 2025: aligns with government's mission to take a 'digital first' approach and ensure that digital infrastructure is at the heart of future infrastructure projects.
- Highlights that, as the National Infrastructure Commission recommended, telecommunications needs must be considered for individual sectors – across the energy, water and transport sectors.
- Commits government to working closely with Ofcom and other relevant regulators to set out the government's assessment of the telecommunications needs for given sectors by the end of 2026.



# THE INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

- Published 23 June 2025: 10-year plan to increase business investment and grow the industries of the future in the UK.
- Six frontier technologies, including Advanced Connectivity Technologies (ACT)
- Digital and Technologies Sector Plan: Ensuring spectrum availability to support ACT by working with international counterparts ahead of the World Radio Conference 2027 and collaborating with Ofcom to promote efficient, innovative spectrum allocation and regulation, which continues to support the development and deployment of ACT.



# PUBLIC SECTOR SPECTRUM FRAMEWORK

- Published 09 July 2025: an enduring framework with a focus on periodic reviews of Crown spectrum demand, reviewed alongside inputs from Ofcom on demand for spectrum access from civil users, and innovative approaches to enabling shared use of spectrum.
- Primary goals in establishing this framework include:
  - ensuring that Crown spectrum users have access to the spectrum they need to support strategic government priorities and deliver critical services.
  - ensuring efficient use of spectrum and enable opportunities to maximise spectrum value and support growth by sharing spectrum with civil applications, where possible.



# SPECTRUM SANDBOX REPORTS; RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN



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- Spectrum Sandbox reports published 09 July 2025, alongside the Public Sector Spectrum Framework.
- These reports were the final reports produced by each sandbox consortia as part of the March 2024-March 2025 programme.
- Resilience Action Plan - published 08 July and highlights the UK Telecoms Lab as an HMG investment in resilient infrastructure



# STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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- SSP consultation published 21 July 2025 and is open for responses until 23:59 on 18 September.
  - This document sets out the government's priorities across telecoms, spectrum and postal services. Ofcom must have regard to the statement when exercising its regulatory functions.
  - Areas of focus include spectrum sharing and innovation, supporting space ambitions, PMSE, FOTV, utilities, transport, and the public sector.
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