

Press Release

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The Chancellor's new cash for mobile coverage will improve the lives of millions of people, Panel says

Welcoming the announcement today by Chancellor George Osborne to put £150m into improving mobile coverage, Communications Consumer Panel Chair Bob Warner said: "This injection of cash will significantly improve the lives of millions of people and help the growth of thousands of small businesses.

"Inadequate mobile coverage is a major concern for the Panel, and we have campaigned for intervention to improve coverage for rural communities and small businesses. A pure market-oriented approach to delivering coverage for 2G voice services has now reached its economic limit," he said

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The Communications Consumer Panel was established to advise Ofcom on the consumer interest in the markets it regulates. The Panel is independent and sets its own agenda. Visit www.communicationsconsumerpanel.org.uk for more information.

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