

Complaint:**BBC Radio 4: Tom Wright's File on 4: 8.00pm Tuesday 16 June 2020**

Subject of complaint: The programme promoted two unscientific theories

This programme promoted two unscientific 5G theories.

1. It promulgated the invalidated theory that 5G is safe, when mainstream science since 1889 has shown that electromagnetic exposure can be harmful and up to 53 million people in the UK (79%) can be adversely affected by environmental EMF intolerance.
2. It also promoted the invalidated theory that physiological electrosensitivity is the same as psychological electrophobia or a nocebo effect, unscientifically confusing two separate conditions. All humans are electrosensitive, otherwise they could not be alive, but their electrosensitivity levels differ, known since 1873, with some hypersensitive, discovered in 1932. Equally, some can suffer electrophobia, a fear of radiation, known since 1903.
3. ICD-10 codes cover real electrical allergy and harm, as well as electrophobia.
4. The second invalidated theory contradicts mainstream science. This shows that the blind, unaware and children without prior cognitive conditioning cannot suffer this nocebo effect, but can suffer real electrosensitivity and hypersensitivity.
5. It is irresponsible to spread the invalidated theory that 5G is safe when 800,000 in the UK (1.2%) are severely affected by 3G, 4G, 5G, Wifi and smart meters, according to government-sponsored surveys. Many have lost their health, homes and jobs because of this EM radiation, not because of a nocebo effect.
6. International long-term 5G safety limits are 10 million times below UK short-term heating-only limits. In 2008 the European Parliament voted the latter 'obsolete'.
7. Many underwriters do not cover 5G radiation, or they classify it like asbestos.
8. UK courts from 2012 have recognised electrosensitivity and fined employers slow to remove radiation.
9. Davis, part of the Climate Change Panel awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, stopped using a mobile phone after reading the mainstream scientific evidence of harm. Sadly, this was another BBC programme promoting two invalidated 5G 'conspiracy' theories, not the proven mainstream scientific evidence.

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