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SAFETY & HEALTH IN FIBRE TELECOMS GROUP

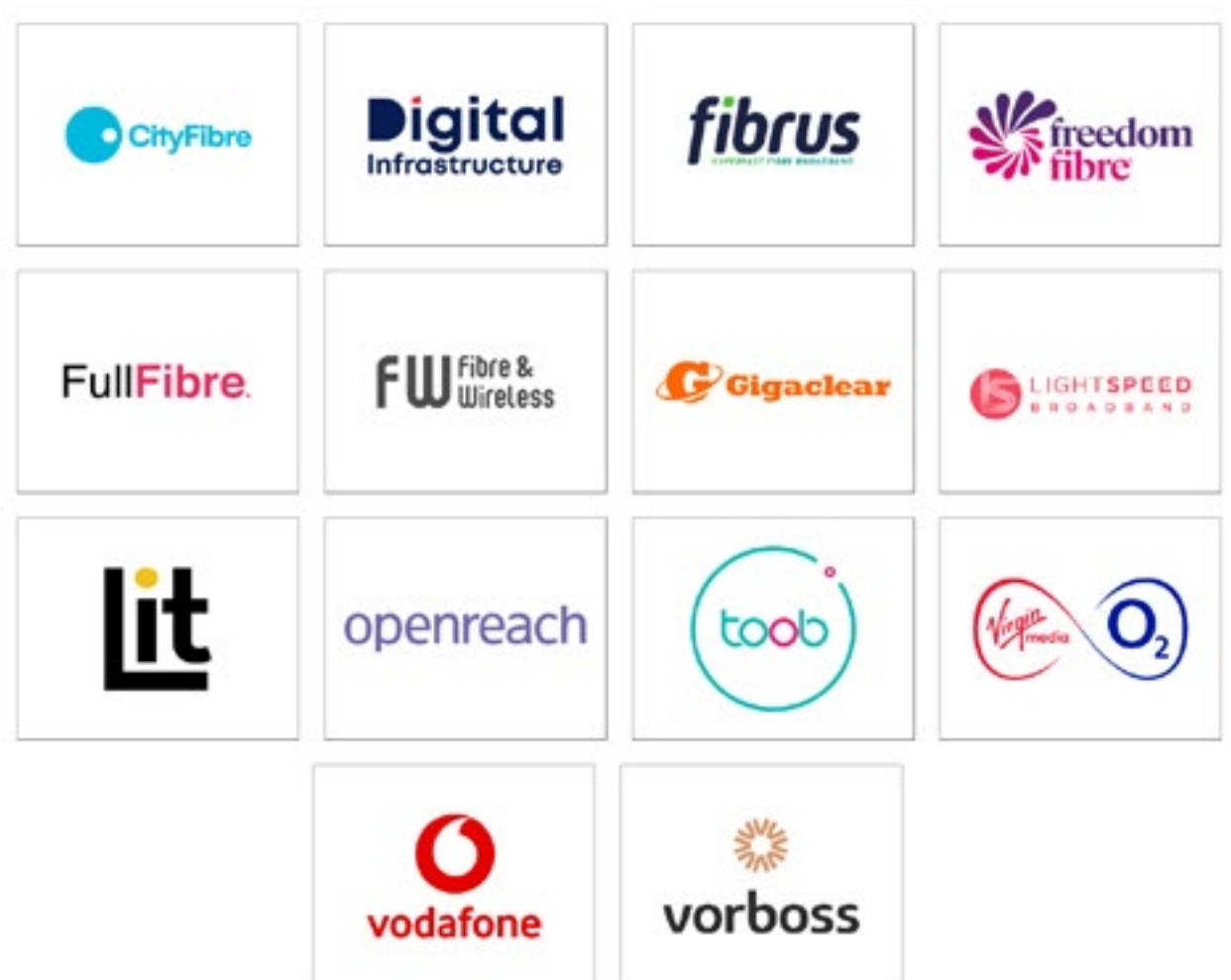# SAFETY AWARDS 2024
Best Safety Innovation in Fibre Telecoms

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Patrick Keary receiving the award from Sponsor Smart Awards Ltd at the Heart of England Conference and Events Centre on 3rd May 2024

PJ Keary were delighted to receive the Best Safety Innovation Award 2024 at the recent SHIFT Group Conference.

SHIFT - Safety & Health in Fibre Telecoms - is a collective of fibre asset owners committed to improving health and safety standards within the fibre sector. The fibre industry is going through a revolutionary change to provide gigabit capable full fibre networks to homes and businesses across the UK. The SHIFT Group was established to represent the organisations delivering and managing these networks to share, support, create and promote best practices, standards and requirements to improve compliance and build a positive culture for the sector and communities they work within. The founder members are shown on the right

PJ Keary were nominated for the award by Openreach for the "Red App" which is widely used by Openreach's Engineers. The Red App has previously won an Innovation Award from the City of London (when it was nominated by Thames Water) and has since been further developed and adapted for Openreach's purposes.

The Red App

In order to ensure the safety of pedestrians, road users and the workers themselves, all street and road works activity must be undertaken in compliance with a Code of Practice "Safety at Street Works and Road Works" which is a 105 page document commonly known as "The Red Book"

Used on a mobile device, the Red App first presents a choice of languages - English, Polish and Romanian - and then a sequence of simple questions and multiple choice answers, taking the user step-by-step through a process to establish the appropriate method of traffic control and signing, lighting and guarding as set out in the Red Book. This simplifies the process for the Engineers on site and provides confidence that the appropriate options are chosen.

The App is not intended to cover all conceivable scenarios such as complex traffic management situations which require specialist survey (as in the Red Book, the user is asked to "Consult your supervisor, manager or competent person") but should be useful for the majority of minor works sites.

The Red App is **completely free to use** and can be accessed using any mobile device with a data connection. As it's a web page, there's no need to download an App - just open a browser, go to slg. pjkeary.net and enter your email address to proceed straight away with no requirement to register or enter a password. Create a shortcut to the url on your homescreen for it to operate like any other app.

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