

April 2019

Trade and Industry Information

700MHz Clearance Events

Tyne Tees Region

Following a decision by Ofcom, spectrum in the 700MHz UHF band currently used for digital terrestrial television (DTT) is being reallocated for the development of future mobile services. Some DTT multiplexes will be moving to new broadcast frequencies as a result of this change.

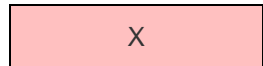
Engineering work for the 700MHz Clearance Programme will take place at transmitters across the UK between 2017 - 2020. Freeview viewers (and those with other services that use Freeview channels, such as YouView) will need to retune their TV equipment when changes take place in their area. This document lists the currently announced clearance events for the Tyne Tees region and will be updated as new information is released. The latest version will always be available to download at www.digitaluk.co.uk/clearance. Details of the changes to transmitters will also be reflected on our coverage checker at digitaluk.co.uk/coveragechecker.

Note: Where multiplexes are moving we have included the current and future aerial group required to receive Freeview services. Digital UK recommends installers fitting new aerials use a wideband model where possible to accommodate future changes to broadcast frequencies.

Q3 2019

12 September 2019

Pontop Pike – main station only



12 September 2019

The PONTOP PIKE transmitter group, serving Tyne and Wear and County Durham

Pontop Pike – further changes to occur in 13 November 2019

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	T	Current	58	54	49	50	59	55
		11.09.19*	32	54	49	50	59	55

**Transmissions commence on this date on the new frequency. Viewers will be required to retune on the following day, 12 September 2019.*

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1
Current	33	34	56
11.09.19	33	34	56

Power change: the ERP will change from 100kW to 90kW for PSB1