

INFORMATION FOR LANDLORDS AND PROPERTY MANAGERS/FACTORS

Changes to Freeview TV services in parts of the UK Q2 2019

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to inform you of a change to Freeview television signals in parts of the UK which may affect your tenants and properties.

Some channels on Freeview will be moving to new airwaves to allow for the future development of new mobile broadband services, following a decision by the UK Government. Digital UK is working with Freeview and co-ordinating the technical planning of the updates needed at transmitters. This programme of changes will take place in stages between now and 2020.¹

Engineering work will be carried out in the areas listed at the end of this letter in **April, May and June 2019**. Following this, any tenants who receive Freeview from one of the transmitter groups listed may need to retune their TV equipment on the date noted if they find they are missing channels. Those using other services based on terrestrial TV, such as YouView, BT TV or TalkTalk, will also be affected. For the majority of viewers, a retune should restore TV services to normal.

In some cases:

- Communal TV distribution systems that receive a signal from a transmitter in one of these groups, including MATV and IRS equipment, may need to be adjusted to work with new frequencies.
- Some older grouped aerials – notably 'group C/D' – may need to be replaced where these are still in use. A wideband model is generally recommended.

Freeview services will be subject to disruption while work is carried out at transmitters, which is expected to be completed at main stations by 6am and at smaller local relays by late afternoon on retune days. Equipment can be retuned at any point after this. Satellite and cable TV services are not affected.

A local information campaign will prepare people for the changes as they take place in each area. Should you receive questions about this from the public, information about the changes is available via the Freeview Advice Line on freephone 0808 100 0288 and on the Freeview website at freeview.co.uk/tvchanges.

I would be grateful if you would please share this information with relevant colleagues and the contractor or TV engineer responsible for maintaining communal aerial systems at your properties, so that you can make any necessary adjustments. Technical information about these upcoming signal changes for aerial installers can be downloaded from the Digital UK website at

digitaluk.co.uk/clearance. I will provide further updates as the dates for any additional changes to Freeview signals are confirmed.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at housing@digitaluk.co.uk



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Upcoming Freeview retunes in Q2 2019

Please check your area and advise those responsible for TV systems in your properties

Transmitter Group	Area Served	Retune Dates
Mendip	Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire	04-Apr-19
Caradon Hill (some relays only)	parts of Plymouth, central and south Devon and east Cornwall	10-Apr-19
Plympton	parts of the Plymouth area	10-Apr-19
Redruth	west Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	01-May-19
Aberdare (some relays only)	parts of Cwmaman, Fernhill, Mountain Ash and Penrhiwceiber	15-May-19
Kilvey Hill	the Swansea area	15-May-19
Pontypool (Usk relay only)	Usk	15-May-19
Wenvoe	Cardiff, Newport and south east Wales	15-May-19
Bristol Ilchester Crescent	parts of Bristol	05-Jun-19
Bristol Kings Weston	parts of Bristol	05-Jun-19
Mendip	Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire	05-Jun-19
Black Hill (some relays only)	parts of Loch Fyne, Bute, Gigha, Jura, Seil, Knapdale and Kintyre	12-Jun-19
Bristol Kings Weston	parts of Bristol	19-Jun-19
Caradon Hill (some relays only)	parts of Plymouth, parts of Devon and east Cornwall	19-Jun-19
Huntshaw Cross	north Devon	19-Jun-19
Kilvey Hill (Cilfrew and Neath Abbey HP/VP relays only)	Cilfrew and Neath Abbey	19-Jun-19
Mendip	Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire	19-Jun-19
Redruth (some relays only)	parts of St Austell, Penryn and Falmouth	19-Jun-19
Wenvoe	Cardiff, Newport and south east Wales	19-Jun-19