



Isle of Man Installer Reminder

Technical Event: Port St Mary PSB mux power up – 19 November.

BBC-A and D3-4 Muxes shutdown for up to one hour – NO NEED TO RE-TUNE

What is happening?

As first flagged in the Isle of Man Installer newsletter issued in May 2009, there will be a planned post-digital switchover (DSO) power increase to public service broadcast multiplexes (BBC-A, D3-4) delivered by the **Port St Mary** relay transmitter only.

Why?

Power was held down at switchover (18 June 2009 and 16 July 2009) to protect 6-Mux coverage at Llanddona. This restriction can be removed around two weeks before Winter Hill DSO Stage 2. Transmission powers from **Port St Mary** (only) are being increased to offset the incoming signals from the Republic of Ireland.

Households and area?

The Households and area served by Port St Mary remain the same. The power increase is to protect coverage from incoming interference and not to increase coverage.

Schedule and viewer impacts?

- On 19 November, at a time (not confirmed until the day) between 9:30am and 5pm, the BBC-A and D3-4 muxes will be shut down for up to one hour.
- Port St Mary viewers **WILL NOT** need to re-tune after this event. They only experience a one-hour shutdown of BBC, ITV and Channel 4 services on PSB multiplexes before they re-appear after the event.
- Digital UK's website will report when the muxes shut down and again when they relaunch.
On 19 November - go to www.digitaluk.co.uk/engineering_works or www.digitaluk.co.uk/portstmary