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Freeview Changes

Changes are being made to the way some channels are broadcast on Freeview. You may need to retune your television equipment to continue watching programmes when these take place.

Households served by the Foxdale relay will need to retune after the 14th November 2018.

The rest of Isle of Man is currently set to change during April-June 2020, though this date may be subject to change. The Communications Commission will update this Information Leaflet if this date changes.

It is important to note that if you are receiving a signal from an off Island transmitter (for example Winter Hill or Caldbeck) then you will need to retune once that particular transmitter you are receiving signal from changes frequency.

The map on the next page shows the expected clearance dates across the UK.

If you find that you are missing Channels, please see our <u>Radio and Television in the Isle of</u> Man leaflet.

More Information

In November 2014 the UK regulator Ofcom <u>announced</u> its decision to reallocate some of the airwaves used by Freeview to mobile services. A similar process is being carried out across Europe, as spectrum is reassigned to meet a predicted increase in demand for mobile data. As a result, some Freeview channels will need to move to new frequencies. This process is known as 700MHz clearance.

For further information and updates on the 700MHz clearance, visit the <u>Digital UK</u> website.

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