

Moving Freeview to make more airwaves available for mobile – the ‘700 MHz Clearance Programme’

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On 13 March 2020, Ofcom published its [update on the progress of delivery of the 700 MHz clearance programme](#) against the programme delivery date of April this year. In that document we concluded that the programme remained on track for delivery on time, though we noted some risk of delay of the programme posed by events of national significance.

Since we published that update, the COVID-19 situation has developed swiftly, with significant implications for life in the UK, including restrictions on travel and the need for social isolation. In light of this unprecedented situation, the decision has been taken to postpone carrying out the final two 700 MHz clearance events scheduled for April. As a result, the 700 MHz clearance programme will now be paused until the COVID-19 risk has subsided. We are working with programme stakeholders to determine a revised timescale for delivering clearance of the 700 MHz band.

We will publish an update for viewers who may be affected by 700 MHz clearance events once they are rescheduled in due course.