

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – Digital TV Aerial Installation

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I'm conducting a survey of local authorities to try to establish the following regarding the installation of digital TV aerials in communal blocks before and after the TV switchover. Would you be kind enough to reply to a couple of questions for my records please?

1. What type of system has been installed in Leicester? IRS; 5 Wire; Sky + etc

The majority of Digital Aerial systems (95%) installed are, Dual Feed Integrated Reception Systems (IRS), 13 wire infrastructure, installed throughout the Leicester City Council Housing stock. The remainder, comprise of a smaller number of Master Antenna Television systems (MATV), Independent Aerials and Free Sats.

2. Roughly how many Council properties has this affected?

There are approximately 7,500 properties across the city now receiving Digital Television. This equates to approximately 571 Blocks. This includes low rise Communal blocks, Tower blocks, Warden Assisted Accommodation and Hostels.

3. Is there a programme for the removal of surplus/redundant dishes/aerials or are tenants encouraged to have these removed themselves?

The service provider removes these as part of the annual service maintenance.

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