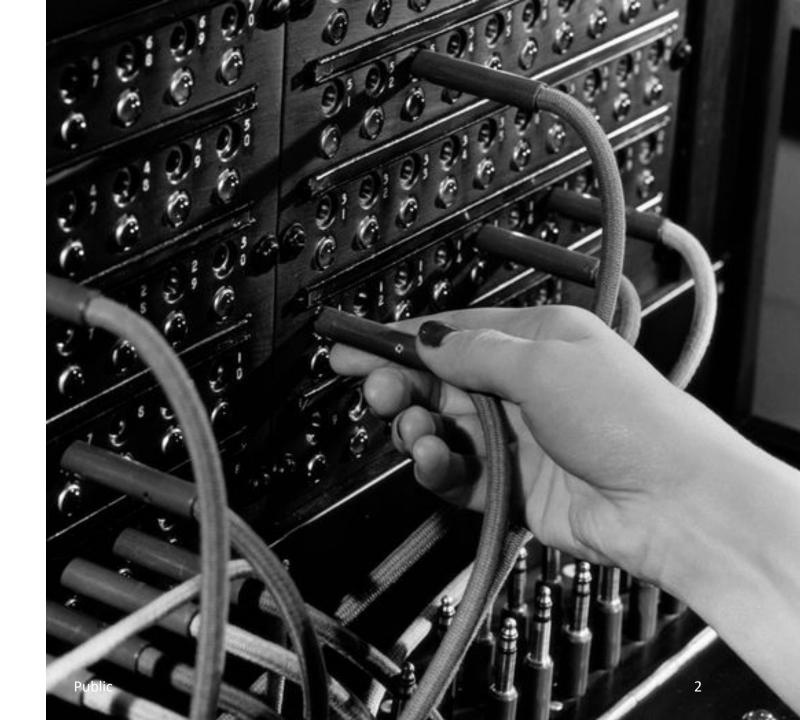


Helping Businesses Prepare for the Digital Switchover

VMO2 Update – 16 May 2023

You've heard what's happening

- The Public-Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) is the equipment that supports the majority of phone calls in the UK and has been for decades
- Its technology is now becoming outdated and equipment support from manufacturers cannot be guaranteed in the long term
- If we don't modernise, the systems will become unreliable and eventually will not be able to be repaired
- PSTN technology is also limited and will not support new and innovative services that will become increasingly relevant to modern society



The change isn't coming, it's already here

- 2025 is not necessarily the date your phone will change
- 2025 is the date set by Openreach for their withdrawal of their WLR products
- CPs supplying voice services over analogue technology are facing the same need to migrate whether they use Or or not.
- VMO2 has it's own network, and we're also working to complete our migration by 2025.
- This means we've **already started** turning these services off in line with Ofcom's guidelines and will continue to do over the next few years '23, '24 and '25.
- Other CPs will be planning for their own programmes and may be on different timescales.

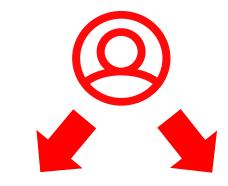


Migration of Customers

- Business / Public Sector customers tend to have more complex needs than B2C and often require different (data based) solutions
- VMO2's migration will occur in different ways:

Organic Migration, through

- New Customer Sales
- Single Customer Interactions
- Occurs anywhere across
 VMO2's network footprint
- Ongoing from 2018







Managed Migration, through

- Replacement of network equipment
- Affects customers served by that equipment
- Occurs on geographical basis
- 2022-2025/6

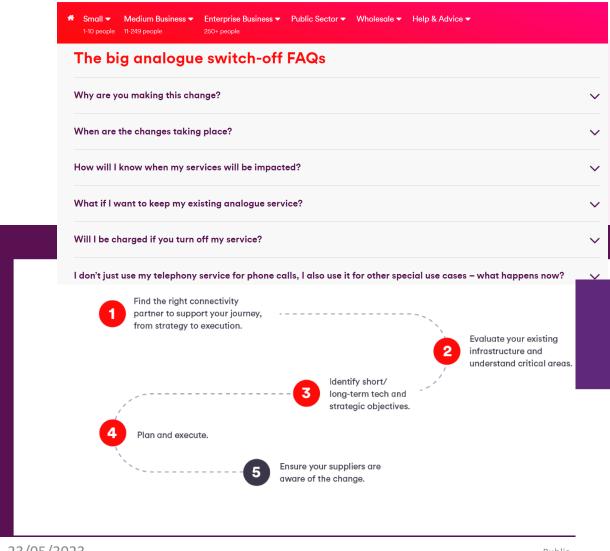
Migration of Business / PS Customers



- Advance notice to all customers 12 months for B2B / PS
- All 2023/4 switch migration plans now shared with key stakeholders
- Advice provided on VMB website <u>Analogue switch-off FAQs | Virgin Media Business</u>
- All customers provided with:
 - Key information in relation to migration (eg Power Resilience)
 - Specific information in relation to (unidentified) connected devices
- Migration may be "like for like" line switch, or a move to an alternative solution (eg monitoring, CCTV, lift lines; use of cellular or data solutions)
- Understanding estate / use cases is essential
- Back-up provision may be more important for certain use cases
- Outsourced services may also be impacted by switchover
- Early discussion will deliver best outcome

Web resources





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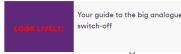
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