

Press release
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Hackney Homes shuts down illegal pirate radio station operators

Hackney Homes has teamed up with Ofcom to successfully shut down illegal radio stations operating on estates in Hackney. Recently two people were charged further to a pirate radio station being identified and closed down on an estate and over 14 masts, transmitters and recording equipment have been removed this year.

Illegal masts affect air traffic transmission and emergency services frequencies which can lead to serious disruptions to services. In addition homes are affected by pirate stations as lifts, door entry systems and roof hatches can get damaged and vandalized by individuals operating these stations and trying to access roofs.

Hackney Homes have been combating issues around access to roofs on tower blocks by installing high security locks across the borough.

Wayne Hylton, Hackney Homes, Estate Safety Manager said:

“Hackney Homes do not tolerate any individuals operating illegal transmissions on our estates and will take enforcement action against any one involved. If any residents are suspicious and think that an illegal pirate station is operating, please let us know by calling 020 8356 3310 or reporting online at www.hackneyhomes.org.uk.”

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Notes to editor

1. Ofcom is the UK's independent regulator and competition authority for the communications Industries