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Service changes from 21 May 2017

From 21 May 2017, there will be changes to some services in Newcastle, Gateshead, Consett, Stanley and North West County Durham.

A summary of the changes can be found below, along with the new timetables.

Newcastle and Gateshead

TEN

- The journeys which depart Eldon Square at 5.15pm, 5.23pm and

8.43pm on weekdays will be retimed by a few minutes.

- [View new timetable](#)

12 & 12A

- Most journeys on this service are retimed.
- The service will have a new look and will be renamed as Blaydon Racer. It will be fitted with great features, including free WiFi, USB connections and next stop announcements.
- [View new timetable](#)

CityLink 57

- The journey which departs Leam Lane at 6.52am on weekdays is retimed by up to three minutes.
- The journeys which depart Hadrian Park at 7.44am and 7.54am on weekdays will be merged into one journey at 7.49am.
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Loop 93 & 94

- The timetable on this service will be revised to improve reliability.
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Quaylink Q1 & Q2

- The timetable on this service will be revised to improve reliability.
- There will also be a change to the route around Gateshead Quays. Sage Gateshead will now be served between Baltic and Swing Bridge, with buses running direct between Gateshead Interchange and Gateshead College. This will help reliability as it reduces the number of times the service has to go through the traffic signals around Oakwellgate.
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Quaylink Q3

- Because of planned changes to the road layout in Newcastle City Centre, service Q3 towards Wallsend will now depart from Eldon Square Bus Station Stand E, instead of Haymarket. Journeys towards Great Park are unchanged and will continue to depart from Stand S at Haymarket.
- Following passenger requests, an additional stop will be added on Gosforth High Street, at Graham Park Road (near to Carphone Warehouse).
- The timetable on this service will also be revised to improve reliability.
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Consett, Stanley and North West County Durham

We have reviewed how passenger travel patterns have changed since October 2015, and have listened to ongoing comments and suggestions and are changing a small number of services from 21 May 2017.

In summary, the main changes are:

- Following passenger requests to make service 6 faster, it will miss out White-le-Head and Burnopfield.
- Service X70 will run via White-le-Head and Tantobie Road Ends

to maintain a service to Newcastle from this area.

- Venture services V7 and V8 (renumbered M7 and M8) will be increased in frequency to offer more capacity, and to replace the Burnopfield to Metrocentre connection on service 6.
- New direct service from South Stanley and South Moor to Metrocentre.

We are also planning some changes to the Consett Venture network to improve reliability.

Details of the changes which will come into effect from 21 May are provided below.

Service 6

- We have received feedback that this service takes too long to get to Newcastle. Therefore, the route of service 6 will be changed to make it faster, by missing out White-le-Head and Burnopfield. This also means a service is reinstated to Hobson.
- Following this change of route, passengers from White-le-Head and Tantobie Road Ends will still be able to travel to Newcastle on revised service X70.
- Passengers from Burnopfield to Newcastle can continue to travel on service X70/X71. Passengers from Burnopfield to Metrocentre or Stanley can continue to travel on new services M6 and M7.
- Early morning and evening journeys will continue to run their current route, serving Burnopfield and White-le-Head. These journeys will be numbered 6A.
- The service will also have a new look and will be named ToonLink.
- [View new timetable](#)

Services 15 & 15A

- The timetable of this service will be revised to improve reliability.
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Durham Diamond 16 & 16A

- The timetable of this service will be adjusted to improve reliability.
- On Sundays, service 16 will now run through from Durham to Castleside via Stanley and Consett, offering new through journeys for residents of Castleside, Moorside and The Grove.
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Venture 30

- The timetable of this service will be revised to improve reliability
- The weekday journey at 3.10pm from Lanchester to Stanley will now only run during school holidays.
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Red Kite 45, 46, 47

- There will be some changes to the times of a small number of journeys in the morning and on Sundays.
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Venture 704

- This service is retimed to depart Stanley at 41 minutes past the hour.
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Venture V1 & V2

- Alternate journeys on service V1 will be extended to Knitsley Lane in Templetown, offering new connections for residents living in this area of Consett, as well as a direct link from Delves to shops and facilities near Puddler's Corner.

- The journey on service V2 which runs to Crookhall will be on the opposite half hour, departing Consett Bus Station at half past the hour.
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Venture V3 & V4

- The timetable of this service will be revised to improve reliability.
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Venture V5 & V6

- To improve reliability, services V5 and V6 will be merged into one route. This will be numbered V5, serving Consett, Leadgate, Bradley Bungalows, Medomsley and The Dene. This new V5 will follow the same route as the current evening service V6.
- This service will now depart from Stand C in Consett Bus Station.
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Venture V7 & V8 (including new/renumbered services M6, M7 & M8)

- The frequency of this service will be increased from every 30 minutes to every 20 minutes between Metrocentre and Stanley on Monday-Saturday daytimes.
- Services V7 and V8 will be renumbered M7 and M8. The additional bus per hour will be numbered M6, and will run to South Stanley and South Moor, offering a direct bus to Metrocentre from these areas.
- Services M6 and M7 will both run via Burnopfield and Lintz Estate, replacing service 6 in this area. The route of service M8 via Tanfield Village is unchanged.
- In addition, on Saturdays service M8 will be extended to Annfield Plain to reflect the weekday service.
- The services will have a new look and will be named

- Metrocentre Mini.
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Venture V9

- The timetable of this service will be revised to improve reliability.
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ToonLink X30, X31 & X32

- The timetable of these services will be revised to improve reliability.
- There will be an additional earlier journey on service X30 on weekdays, arriving into Newcastle at 7.04am.
- In Stanley Bus Station, services X30, X31 and X32 will now depart from Stand H towards Newcastle.
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Services X70, X71 & X72

- Service X70 will additionally serve White-le-Head and Tantobie Road Ends, to replace service 6 in this area.
- There is no change to the route of service X71 or X72.
- Services X70, X71 and X72 will now depart from Stand C in Eldon Square Bus Station.
- The service will also have a new look and will be named ToonLink.
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