

A note on our BSUoS updates published 15th May 2020

On May 8th we provided two forecasts, both for May 2020 with demands impacted by COVID-19 factored in:

1. A forecast assuming 'normal' seasonal weather; and
2. A forecast assuming more 'extreme' weather

Based on stakeholder feedback, on 15th May we provided 2 updates:

1. We evolved our May 8th forecasts into a single most likely view, using a range of weather scenarios to determine a best view of weather for May 2020. This update is labelled **Impact on BSUoS due to COVID-19 low demands – Excluding new services**. This update shows expected BSUoS had the ESO developed no new approaches to manage the low demands and is provided for purposes of comparison
2. We provided a new main forecast, labelled **BSUoS Forecast for Summer 2020 – Including new services** which uses the updated best view of weather and overlays the forecasted costs and benefits of using the new tools and services available to the ESO.

Below is a summary of the forecasts provided.

£m	Outturn	Forecast date				
		April	8th May		15th May	
	2019	Normal Weather	Normal Weather	Extreme Weather	BSUoS Forecast for Summer 2020 – including new services	Impact on BSUoS due to COVID-19 low demands – excluding new services
May	64.4	101	177.3	276.7	166	174
June	89				207.7	268.1
July	71.1				214.9	272.7
August	108.7				237.7	324.7
Total	333.2				826.3	1,039.5

Further uncertainties exist with these forecasts. The following factors have been used based on the information available at the time but could change over the summer;

- Changes to lockdown restrictions over the rest of the summer, the forecast assumes similar levels of demand suppression already experienced through to the end of August;
- Cost and usage of ODFM over the summer, which could depart from our current assumptions; and
- Weather forecasts for the rest of the summer, the forecast includes a range based on historic weather conditions