

Key Commitments**Licence number: CR000017**

Service name	RNIB Connect Radio
Licence area	West Glasgow (as shown in the licensed coverage area map)
Frequency	101.0 MHz

Description of character of service

RNIB Connect Radio is a speech-led service for blind or partially-sighted people, or those who struggle to access printed news and information. It provides for a high level of news, current affairs, debates and public service information, along with features providing its audience with specialist information in an entertaining and informative manner. Programmes are presented by blind and/or partially sighted people. Extensive training, focussing on a range of broadcasting skills, is given to volunteers.

The service broadcasts:

- Music. The main types of music broadcast over the course of the week are: music from the 1940s to the present day.
- Speech. The main types of speech output broadcast over the course of each week are: news and current affairs, human interest issues, debates, public service information an audio books programme, features and programmes from other regions/countries relevant to the target community.
- The service provides original output¹ for a minimum of nine hours per day on weekdays and three hours per day on weekend days.
- The service provides locally-produced output² for a minimum of eight hours per day on weekdays and three hours per day on weekend days.

The studio is located within the licensed coverage area.

The service provides a range of community benefits (social gain objectives mandated by statute) for the target community, both on-air and off-air, and in doing so, achieves the following objectives:

- the facilitation of discussion and the expression of opinion,
- the provision (whether by means of programmes included in the service or otherwise) of education or training to individuals not employed by the person providing the service, and
- the better understanding of the particular community and the strengthening of links within it.

Members of the target community contribute to the operation and management of the service.

The service has mechanisms in place to ensure it is accountable to its target community.

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¹ Original output is output that is first produced for and transmitted by the service, and excludes output that was transmitted elsewhere before. Original output can be live or voice-tracked. Repeat broadcasts of original output do not count towards the minimum requirement.

² Locally-produced output is any output made and broadcast from within the service's licensed coverage area. It may include all types of local production.