

Key Commitments

Licence number: CR000163

Service name	Bolton FM
Licence area	Bolton (as shown in the licensed coverage area map)
Frequency	96.5 MHz

Description of character of service

Bolton FM provides a distinctive community radio service targeting the diverse communities of Bolton. It is an inclusive and accessible organisation, providing training and broadcasting opportunities for members of all communities, and encouraging their active participation.

The service broadcasts:

- Music. The main type of music broadcast over the course of each week is: mainstream music from the 1950s to the present, with specialist and local music also featuring.
- Speech. The main types of speech output broadcast over the course of each week are: interviews, discussions, news and related programming.
- The service provides original output¹ for a minimum of eight hours per day.
- The service provides locally-produced output² for a minimum of 13 hours per day.

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.