

## Key Commitments

**Licence number: CR000206**

<b>Service name</b>	<b>107 Meridian FM</b>
<b>Licence area</b>	<b>East Grinstead, West Sussex (as shown in the licensed coverage area map)</b>
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>107.0 MHz</b>

### Description of character of service

Meridian FM is for the population of East Grinstead and surrounding area. It offers a wide range of local programmes produced and presented by local people, and aimed specifically at the immediate community.

The service broadcasts:

- Music. The main type of music broadcast over the course of each week is: a mix of tracks from the 1960s to the current chart. Specialist music also features.
- Speech. The main types of speech output broadcast over the course of each week are: local news, travel and weather information, community and events information, and interviews.
- The service provides original output<sup>1</sup> for a minimum of 70 hours per week.
- The service provides locally-produced output<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Original output is content which is first produced for, and transmitted by, the station and excludes output that was transmitted elsewhere before. Original output can be live, pre-recorded or voice-tracked. Repeat broadcasts of original output and continuous music with no speech content other than advertisements, station idents and/or outsourced news bulletins (i.e. news bulletins produced by a third party) do not meet Ofcom's definition of original output.

<sup>2</sup> Locally-produced output is content which is made and broadcast from within the station's licensed coverage area. It may include all types of local production including repeats and continuous music, as long as it is created anywhere within the licensed coverage area and is not material that is networked from other stations. Content which is made outside the station's licensed coverage area, but edited and broadcast from within the coverage area, does not meet Ofcom's definition of locally-produced output.

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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