

Key Commitments**Licence number: CR000134**

Service name	Mearns FM
Licence area	Stonehaven, Inverbervie and Laurencekirk (as shown in the licensed coverage area map)
Frequency	105.7, 106.2 and 107.3 MHz

Description of character of service

Mearns FM is for the people of the Mearns, South Aberdeenshire. It acts as a focal point for the Mearns community and promotes mutual understanding and community identity in the Mearns. It also provides a channel for local communication and the development of local talent.

The service broadcasts:

- Music. The main types of music broadcast over the course of each week are: light popular music with some specialist genres. Music from local musicians also features.
- Speech. The main types of speech output broadcast over the course of each week are: community news and information, discussions and interviews.
- 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 output made and broadcast from within the service's licensed coverage area.