

The proposals set out in this consultation seem sensible and we note that you are looking at reviewing your restricted service licence policy altogether and we would like to add our views for consideration.

The City of Bath in North East Somerset in South-West England never had the opportunity to have a community radio broadcasting licence while URB at the University of Bath have held a LRSL on 1449khz for a number of years and in 1999 an FM commercial radio licence for 107.9mhz. Currently held by Celador Radio Ltd. Prior to that URB held a number of SRSL we understood that there was no room on the FM spectrum in Bath for a community radio licence prior to the 107.9mhz licence being announced.

Bath Hospital Radio recently became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and adopted the new model health promotion objects and distributes it's service on-line and to the hospital bedside units via a hard-wired closed circuit system this is provided by a commercial operator whose contract is nearing the end and it's uncertain the hospital will renew this. We have submitted an expression of interest to Ofcom for small-scale DAB and hopes to apply for a C-DSP licence if or when this is advertised and if we are awarded one we could decide to reduce our costs and stop simu-casting on the internet.

Should we not have the option of a C-DSP licence or are unsuccessful, we could look at serving the Royal United Hospital and other hospital sites in Bath with a LRSL, as the licence condition states that we can't acknowledge any overspill we wouldn't be able to satisfy the licence conditions and advance our charitable objects while simu-casting on the internet.

We would propose that should a hospital radio who has adopted these wider model objects with a LRSL to be allowed to acknowledge it's audience listening outside it's licenced area but within it's area specified in it's charitable objects. e.g. Bath Hospital Radio holds a LRSL for the Royal United Hospital site and also simu-casts on the internet, it's charitable object states that it can broadcast to the City of Bath and surrounding area. Which would mean it could acknowledge those listening in the City and suburbs on the internet as well as those on the hospital site, but wouldn't be allowed to acknowledge anyone listening on the internet from outside this area.