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1. What is the Public File?

Each local commercial radio station in the UK has requirements in respect of its music and local content, such as news etc. These requirements are set out in the station "Format", a document issued by Ofcom, the UK media regulator.

The Public File contains details of elements Ofcom regulate over, such as music tracks, local news etc. It is intended to give you a better understanding of our output and what we are doing for the community we serve.

The Public File is available as a print out on request. Any comments on the file can be made to us or Ofcom.

2. Introduction to Star Radio

Star Radio launched on 2nd November 2009 broadcasting to the people Darlington and the surrounding districts. The station was launched by a UKRD Group and covers the area originally occupied by Alpha Radio.

Star Radio plays music that makes you feel good all day long and supplies credible local news. Add to this, the local knowledge that the Star Radio presenters demonstrate while broadcasting and you have an ideal radio station for the area.

This document will demonstrate Star Radio's continuing commitment to deliver quality local radio to the people of the Darlington area and highlights how you may contact the station if you feel there is something that we should be talking about or indeed if there is something you are dissatisfied with.

3. News Bulletins

Below are details of how often we broadcast news bulletins and whether they are local, national or international news.

Monday to Friday

Local, National and World News

0630, 0700, 0730, 0800, 0830, 0900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1630, 1700, 1730, 1800

National and World News

0000, 0100, 0200, 0300, 0400, 0500, 0600, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300

Saturday

Local, National and World News

0800, 0900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300

National and World News

0000, 0100, 0200, 0300, 0400, 0500, 0600, 0700, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300

Sunday

Local, National and World News

0900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300

National and World News

0000, 0100, 0200, 0300, 0400, 0500, 0600, 0700, 0800, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300

4. Recent News

We have recently covered:

- The battle to save Darlington Football club from financially collapsing.
- Drugs raids within Darlington where 15 people were arrested and our news journalist was present at the raids.
- The effect of the recession on local tourism and the cancellation of flights from Durham Tees Valley.

5. The News Team

If you have any queries about News, contact our journalist via the usual 'Contact Us' details.

6. The Programme Schedule

Weekdays Monday to Friday

All Star Radio programmes are generated from the local studios with the exception of the Big Top 40. Where the programmes are recorded these are listed as 'voice tracked' in the schedule below:

00:00 Non stop music

06:00 Star Breakfast

10:00 Star Daytimes

15:00 Star Drivetime

19:00 Non Stop Music

22:00 Non stop music

Saturday

00:00 Non stop music

06:00 Star Weekend Breakfast

10:00 Mark Thorburn

14:00 Tim West

18:00 Pat Sharpe [voice tracked]

21:00 Non stop music

Sunday

00:00 Non stop music

06:00 Star Weekend breakfast

10:00 Mark Thorburn

14:00 Gary King [voice tracked]

16.00 Shaun Tilley's Retro Chart Years

18:00 Non stop music

7. Automation and Local Programming

Sometimes it is necessary to pre-record (sometimes called Automation) programmes on the station.

8. Events and Charities we support

We support various charities and events every year, as well as launching our own appeals. Some of the events we have recently supported are:

- Be A Good Egg – a collection for Easter Eggs for St Teresa's Hospice
- Charity Football Match – raising funds to support Darlington Football Club through its financial problems.
- Darlington 10K Road Run – a fundraising event for numerous local and national charities.

9. Coverage Highlights

In May 2009 we hosted and supported the John Wade Family Fun Day in South Park. This was a free event for people of Darlington put on for the bank holiday weekend.

In May 2009 Darlington College held a junior master chef competition. We broadcast live from the event and joined in the cooking that took place.

In April 2009 the TV character, Peppa Pig, visited the Cornmill Centre in Darlington. Alpha Radio broadcast live from the event and gave listeners the chance to win tickets to be the first to meet Peppa Pig with their children.

In March 2009 staff and presenters joined local people to participate in a freefall experience called 'Powerfan' which took place in the Market Place.

10. Music Playlist

To give you an idea of the music, below is an hour of our planned playlist prior to launch in October 2009:

Lady Gaga – Just Dance

JLS – Beat Again

George Michael / Aretha Franklin – I knew you were waiting

Scissor Sisters – She's My Man

Cheryl Cole – Fight for this love

Michael Buble – Haven't Met You Yet

Queen – You're my best friend

Belinda Carlisle – Heaven is a place on Earth

Agnes – Release Me

Take That – Rule The World

Savage Garden – Truly Madly Deeply

Barry White – You're the first, the last, my everything

11. The Format

The format is the regulation document Ofcom issue. You can read or download it from Ofcom at: [Ofcom](#)

12. Ofcom Localness Guidelines

Ofcom issue Guidelines defining what "localness" is for a Local Radio station. You can read them on the Ofcom website: [Ofcom Localness](#)

13. Contact Us

To contact us, please click our contact details at the bottom of the page.

14. How to Complain

If you have any complaint about the radio station, for example, something you have heard - an advertisement or news story - in the first instance contact the station using the above details.

If you are not satisfied with the response you can contact Ofcom (the industry regulator) on 020 7981 3040 or via their website; www.ofcom.org.uk