



Nation Radio Public File
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Nation Radio
St Hilary Transmitter
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Each local commercial station in the UK has obligations with regard to its programmes, including its music and local content. These obligations are set out in the station Format which forms part of this station's Public File.

The Public File is also available in hard copy by post upon request by any member of the public, and serves as one indicator of each station's output. Comment on the contents of the Public File should be made to the station or to the industry regulator, Ofcom.

Although Nation Radio is regional and not a local commercial station given that the station shares content and broadcast facilities with other local stations within the Nation Broadcasting group we have produced a full public file for the station.

News Bulletin schedule

What our format says...

At least hourly news during peaktime – weekday breakfast and drive-time and weekend late breakfast

What we deliver....

Nation Radio broadcasts the News for Wales bulletin which is a bulletin of International and Wales news compiled for the Nation Broadcasting Group at the following times

Weekdays
0600 to 1800 inclusive

Weekends
Bulletins – 0800-1200 inclusive

Recent news stories covered on air

Examples of recent news stories covered on air include:

- Tata Steel secure future of Port Talbot Steelworks
- Legal action threatened over government land sale
- Swansea Bay Tidal lagoon delayed

The news and content team

Brogan Hubber
James Southon
Jay Curtis
Jim Hughes (West Wales reporter)
Liam Gilsean

The news team is further supplemented by members of management and administrative staff based within the area who are also able to collect content as appropriate.

The news/content team is based at St Hilary within the station's licensed area.

Nation Broadcasting also has an agreement with Radio News Hub (RNH) to compile and deliver news bulletins into its group stations. RNH has offices located in Leeds.

The programme schedule

The regular programme schedule is available on the station website
The programme schedule is available on the website <http://www.nationradio.wales>

The average number of hours of automated programming within weekday daytimes and within daytimes on Saturdays and Sundays

At Nation Radio we make full use of broadcast playout technology in order to deliver our programmes and free up presentation staff to produce content.

All programming is automated overnight (7pm – 6am)

The vast majority of our daytime programming is broadcast live including Weekdays 6am to 7pm, Saturday from 8am to 6pm.

Whilst the some of our daytime programming might be considered automated under the definition published by Ofcom; relevant programme links (especially at breakfast) are normally delivered live or pre-recorded on the day of transmission.

The amount of local programming per day produced by the station

All programmes on Nation Radio with the exception of Big Top 40 (Sunday 4-7pm) are delivered locally from one of Nation Broadcasting Group's (NBG) two broadcast centres.

The broadcast centres are located within the licensed area of Pembrokeshire and Bridgend and Nation Radio is permitted to locate in either of these areas (and some others).

What our format says...

At least 21 hours a day Monday to Sunday (must include breakfast and weekend breakfast)

Some programming items such as news and travel may be compiled by presenters physically located outside of the broadcast centre

Shared programming and content

The following programmes (or significant content from these programmes) and features are shared with other stations in the Nation Broadcasting group.

- Rugby Nation (Wednesday 1900-2000)
- Football Nation (Thursday 1900-2000)
- News for Wales news bulletins
- Feature content including some sport, weather, entertainment and financial news
- Star guest interviews and relevant regional news interviews
- Travel bulletins (shared with Dragon Radio at Drivetime)
- Weather and Sport bulletins (shared with Dragon Radio)

The Big Top 40 is shared across the UK Commercial Radio network and originates from London.

Ofcom localness guidelines

Ofcom has published guidelines for localness on stations such as Nation Radio. You can view these at the Ofcom website www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/car/localness

Station contact details

Contact details for Nation Radio are available on our website www.nationradio.wales

Events, charity support and coverage

Nation Radio has organised its own Sports Awards event and Pride of Wales Awards event.

Nation Radio regularly works in partnership to support major music performances (including Paul Weller, Kings of Leon and Paulo Nutini).

Nation Radio has partnered (sometimes on a commercial basis) to support events in the area operated by Ty Hafan, Kidney Wales and other charities.

Recent programme or news highlights

Details of recent programme highlights can be viewed from the homepage of the Nation Radio website <http://www.nationradio.wales>

Any other issues or areas of interest likely to impact on localness

None

The station playlist

The station website shows the last songs played on the station. To receive a copy of the current station playlist, please contact the Programme Controller.

The station format

Nation Radio's format can be viewed at Ofcom's website – select the page for Nation Radio from this page: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/static/radiolicensing/html/radio-stations/analogue/analogue-main.htm>

How to complain to the station or Ofcom

If you need to complain to the station you should write to

Martin Mumford, Managing Director, Nation Radio, St Hilary Transmitter, nr St Hilary, COWBRIDGE. CF71 7DP.

You can also telephone 02921 414100 and ask for the Managing Director or email martin.mumford@nationbroadcasting.wales

If you wish to take your complaint further or if you wish to complain to the regulator you can visit the Ofcom website

<http://consumers.ofcom.org.uk/complain/>

Contacting the studios – use of premium rate numbers

Station contact details are on the station website <http://www.nationradio.wales>

Calls to the studio using the 03000 number are at standard landline rates

Texts to the studio using the 66777 shortcode are at standard network rates

We occasionally operate premium text competitions such as Thousand Pound Thursday. We will make it clear the charges for entering such competitions in line with Ofcom Broadcast codes.

Martin Mumford

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2.1 Updated for December 2016 in light of changes to local analogue licenses

2.2 Feb 17 – minor changes to news and programme provision

2.3 Mar 17 – updated for revised format