

Your response

We discontinued our application for a Community Radio license due to "lack of spectrum availability".

We now have a LPAM license and have an AM transmitter up and running as a Hospital radio. We are also streaming on the internet and reviewing future availability of DAB but accept these technologies currently offer limited public coverage. We believe it is important to be able to reach and involve family and friends of Hospital patients as part of our service, and additionally, we would like to expand our offering to patients at the nearby Keech Hospice.

However, we understand Ofcom has decided to stop issuing AM licenses as an alternative to FM.

We would like Ofcom to run another AM community radio license round, or perhaps offer the opportunity for existing LPAM licensees who are already on air to convert to a community radio license.

This would allow us the opportunity to address a wider audience with minimal work for Ofcom, simply by converting our existing LPAM license to a Community Radio license.

We appreciate the work involved with a full license round is large, but removing the opportunity to have an AM license instead of an FM one without consultation is a real shame, when we clearly are technically capable of rapidly engineering and getting such a solution on air.