



Map shows distribution of 165 Local Democracy Reporters from July 2025
See Table A and Table B for further details

Table A: Allocated contracts and reporters by operating company

Company name	Contracts	Reporters
Baylis Community Media CIC	1	1
Brighton and Hove News	1	1
Caerphilly Media	1	1
DC Thomson	3	2.5
Highland News and Media	2	1
Iconic Media Group Ltd	17	24
Iliffe Media Publishing	4	7
Newbury News & Media	1	1
Newsquest	27	37
NLive Radio	1	1
Radio Manx	1	1
Reach	54	83
Shetland News	1	0.5
Social Spider CIC	3	3
Tindle Newspapers	1	1
TOTAL	118	165

Table B: Allocated contracts and reporters by BBC Nation and Region

BBC Region	Contracts	Reporters	Contract holders
East	9	13	<i>See page 4</i>
East Midlands	5	11	<i>See page 5</i>
North East	5	9	<i>See page 6</i>
North West	14	19	<i>See page 7</i>
South	9	14	<i>See page 8</i>
South East	3	7	<i>See page 8</i>
South West	2	4	<i>See page 9</i>
West	5	7	<i>See page 9</i>
West Midlands	7	15	<i>See page 10</i>
Yorkshire & Lincs	8	16	<i>See page 11</i>
London	12	13	<i>See page 12-13</i>
Northern Ireland	11	5.5	<i>See page 14</i>
Scotland	17	20.5	<i>See page 15-16</i>
Wales	11	11	<i>See page 17</i>
TOTAL	118	165	

East			
Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E01	1	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		Peterborough City Council	
E02	1	Cambridgeshire County Council	Reach
		Cambridgeshire second-tiers	
E03	1	Buckinghamshire Council	Newsquest
		Milton Keynes Council	
E04	2	Bedford Borough Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		Central Bedfordshire Council	
		Luton Borough Council	
E05	2	Hertfordshire County Council	Iliffe Media Publishing
		Hertfordshire second-tiers	
E06	2	Essex County Council	Reach
		Essex second-tiers	
E07	1	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	Newsquest
		Thurrock Council	
E08	2	Norfolk County Council	Newsquest
		Norfolk second-tiers	
E09	1	Suffolk County Council	Iliffe Media Publishing
		Suffolk second-tiers	

East Midlands

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E10	3	Derbyshire County Council	Reach
		Derby City Council	
		Derbyshire second-tiers	
		East Midlands Combined Authority	
E11	3	Leicestershire County Council	Reach
		Leicester City Council	
		Leicestershire second-tier authorities	
E12	1	North Northamptonshire	NLlive Radio
		West Northamptonshire	
E13	1	Rutland County Council	Iliffe Media Publishing
E14	3	Nottinghamshire County Council	Reach
		Nottingham City Council	
		Nottinghamshire second-tiers	

North East

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E15	2	South Tyneside Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		Sunderland City Council	
		Hartlepool Borough Council	
E16	2	Newcastle City Council	Reach
		North Tyneside Council	
		Gateshead Council	
		North East Combined Authority	
E17	1	Northumberland County Council	Reach
E18	1	Darlington Borough Council Durham County Council	Newsquest
E19	3	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Reach
		Middlesbrough Council	
		Redcar and Cleveland Council	
		Tees Valley Combined Authority	

North West

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E20	1	Blackburn with Darwen Council	Newsquest
E21	3	Lancashire County Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		Blackpool Council	
		Lancashire second-tiers	
E22	2	Cumberland Council	Newsquest
		Westmorland and Furness Council	
E23	1	Cheshire East Council	Newsquest
E24	1	Warrington Borough Council	Newsquest
		St Helens Council	
E25	2	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	Reach
		Liverpool City Council	
		Wirral Council	
E26	1	Halton Borough Council	Newsquest
		Cheshire West and Chester Council	
E27	1	Knowsley Council	Reach
		Sefton Council	
E28	1	Isle of Man Government	Radio Manx
E29	2	Greater Manchester CA	Reach
		Manchester City Council	
		Salford City Council	
E30	1	Bolton Council	Reach
		Bury Council	
E31	1	Trafford Council	Reach
		Wigan Council	
E32	1	Oldham Council	Reach
		Rochdale Met Borough Council	
E33	1	Tameside Met Borough Council	Reach
		Stockport Met Borough Council	

South			
Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E34	2	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	Newsquest
		Dorset Council	
E35	2	Bracknell Forest Council	Newsquest
		Reading Borough Council	
		Wokingham Borough Council	
E36	1	West Berkshire Council	Newbury News
E37	1	Oxfordshire County Council	Newsquest
		Oxfordshire second-tiers	
E38	1	Slough Borough Council	Baylis Community Media
		The Royal Borough of Windsor	
E39	2	Surrey County Council	Reach
		Surrey second-tiers	
E40	3	Southampton City Council	Newsquest
		Hampshire County Council	
		Hampshire second-tiers	
E41	1	Portsmouth City Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
E42	1	Isle of Wight Council	Newsquest

South East

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E43	1	Brighton and Hove City Council	Brighton & Hove News
E44	3	East Sussex County Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		West Sussex County Council	
		East Sussex & West Sussex second-tiers	
E45	3	Kent County Council	Iliffe Media Publishing
		Medway Council	
		Kent second-tiers	

South West

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E46	1	Cornwall Council	Reach
		Council of the Isles of Scilly	
E47	3	Devon County Council	Reach
		Plymouth City Council	
		Torbay Council	
		Devon second-tiers	

West			
Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E48	2	West of England Combined Authority	Reach
		Bristol City Council	
		South Gloucestershire Council	
E49	1	Bath & North East Somerset Council	Reach
		North Somerset Council	
E50	1	Gloucestershire County Council	Reach
		Gloucestershire second-tiers	
E51	1	Somerset County Council	Newsquest
		Somerset second-tiers	
E52	2	Swindon Borough Council	Newsquest
		Wiltshire Council	

West Midlands			
Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E53	3	West Midlands Combined Authority	Reach
		Birmingham City Council	
		Solihull Met Borough Council	
E54	2	Coventry City Council	Reach
		Warwickshire County Council	
		Warwickshire second-tiers	
E55	3	City of Wolverhampton Council	Reach
		Dudley Met Borough Council	
		Sandwell Met Borough Council	
		Walsall Council	
E56	1	Herefordshire County Council	Newsquest
E57	1	Worcestershire County Council	Newsquest
		Worcestershire second-tiers	
E58	3	Staffordshire County Council	Reach
		Stoke-on-Trent City Council	
		Staffordshire second-tier authorities	
E59	2	Shropshire Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		Telford & Wrekin Council	

Yorkshire & Lincolnshire			
Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
E60	3	Leeds City Council	Newsquest
		Calderdale Council	
		City of Bradford Met District Council	
		West Yorkshire Combined Authority	
E61	2	Kirklees Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		Wakefield Council	
E62	3	Barnsley Met Borough Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		Sheffield City Council	
		South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority	
		Rotherham Met Borough Council	
E63	1	Elected Mayor of Doncaster	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		Doncaster Met Borough Council	
E64	1	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Reach
		Hull City Council	
E65	3	North Yorkshire Council	Newsquest
		City of York Council	
		York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority	
E66	2	Lincolnshire County Council	Reach
		Lincolnshire second-tiers	
E67	1	North East Lincolnshire Council	Reach
		North Lincolnshire Council	

London

(continued on page 13)

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
L01	1	Ealing Council	Reach
		Hounslow Council	
		Hillingdon Council	
L02	1	Harrow Council	Reach
		Brent Council	
L03	1	Barnet Council	Social Spider CIC
		Enfield Council	
		Haringey Council	
L04	1	Camden Council	Reach
		Islington Council	
		Hackney Council	
L05	2	Kensington & Chelsea Council	Reach
		Westminster Council	
		City of London	
		Hammersmith & Fulham Council	
L06	1	Waltham Forest Council	Social Spider CIC
		Redbridge Council	
		Havering Council	
L07	1	Tower Hamlets Council	Social Spider CIC
		Newham Council	
		Barking & Dagenham Council	
L08	1	Croydon Council	Reach
		Sutton Council	
		Merton Council	
L09	1	Wandsworth Council	Reach
		Richmond upon Thames Council	
		Kingston upon Thames Council	

London

(continued)

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
L10	1	Lambeth Council	Reach
		Southwark Council	
		Lewisham Council	
L11	1	Bromley Council	Reach
		Greenwich Council	
		Bexley Council	
L12	1	Greater London Authority	Reach

Northern Ireland

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
N01	0.5	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
N02	0.5	Ards and North Down Borough Council	Reach
N03	0.5	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
N04	0.5	Belfast City Council	Reach
N05	0.5	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
N06	0.5	Derry City and Strabane District Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
N07	0.5	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Newsquest
N08	0.5	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	Reach
N09	0.5	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
N10	0.5	Mid Ulster District Council	Newsquest
N11	0.5	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Reach

Scotland

(continued on page 15)

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
S01	1	Aberdeen City Council	DC Thomson
		Aberdeenshire Council	
S02	0.5	Moray Council	Highland News & Media
S03	0.5	Highland Council	Highland News & Media
S04	0.5	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Iconic Media Group Ltd
S05	0.5	Orkney Islands Council	DC Thomson
S06	0.5	Shetland Islands Council	Shetland News
S07	1	Argyll and Bute Council	Newsquest
S08	1	Angus Council	DC Thomson
		Dundee City Council	
S09	1	Clackmannanshire Council	Newsquest
		Fife Council	
S10	1	Stirling Council	Reach
		Perth and Kinross Council	
S11	1	Renfrewshire Council	Reach
		Inverclyde Council	
S12	1	North Lanarkshire Council	Iconic Media Group Ltd
		East Dunbartonshire Council	
S13	3	East Renfrewshire Council	Reach
		Glasgow City Council	
		West Dunbartonshire Council	
S14	3	The City of Edinburgh Council	Reach
		Midlothian Council	
		East Lothian Council	
S15	1	Falkirk Council	Reach
		West Lothian Council	

Scotland

(continued)

Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
S16	2	South Ayrshire Council	Reach
		East Ayrshire Council	
		North Ayrshire Council	
S17	2	Dumfries & Galloway Council	Reach
		Scottish Borders Council	
		South Lanarkshire Council	

Wales			
Contract area	LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract area	Contract holder
W01	1	Gwynedd Council	Reach
		Isle of Anglesey County Council	
W02	1	Denbighshire County Council	Reach
		Conwy County Borough Council	
W03	1	Wrexham County Borough Council	Newsquest
		Flintshire County Council	
W04	1	Swansea City Council	Reach
		Carmarthenshire County Council	
W05	1	Pembrokeshire County Council	Newsquest
		Ceredigion County Council	
W06	1	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	Reach
		Bridgend County Borough Council	
W07	1	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	Reach
		Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	
W08	1	Cardiff Council	Reach
		Vale of Glamorgan Council	
W09	1	Caerphilly County Borough Council	Caerphilly Media
		Newport City Council	
W10	1	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	Tindle Newspapers
		Powys County Council	
W11	1	Torfaen County Borough Council	Newsquest
		Monmouthshire County Council	