

Responsible programming

Channel 4 is a publicly owned not-for-profit broadcaster with a public service remit that is at the core of our responsibility as an organisation.

The 2003 Communications Act contains the most recent definition and states that “the public service remit for Channel 4 is the provision of a broad range of high quality and diverse programming which, in particular:

- (a) demonstrates innovation, experiment and creativity in the form and content of programmes;
- (b) appeals to the tastes and interests of a culturally diverse society;
- (c) make a significant contribution to meeting the need for the licensed public service channels to include programmes of an educational nature and other programmes of educative value; and
- (d) exhibits a distinctive character

Our licence also places the following programme obligations on Channel 4:

	<u>Minimum</u>
Hours per year	
News	
- in peak-time (6-10.30pm)	208
Current affairs	
- overall	208
- in peak-time	80
Schools	330
Percentage	
Original production	
- overall	60%
- in peak-time	70%
Independent production	25%
Production expenditure outside London	30%
Regional hours	30%
European independent production	10%
European origin	50%
Subtitling for the deaf and hard-of-hearing	84%
Audio description	6%
Signing	3%

We take pride and pleasure in the different ways we deliver on our remit every year, and routinely report progress to Ofcom, to whom we are accountable. Follow the links below to review our performance:

[Click here](#) for Channel 4’s Programme Review and Statement of

[Click here](#) for Channel 4’s 2005 Annual Report

[Click here](#) to view our achievements in 2006