

Sam Okoro

Reporter

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Profile

News reporter with three years on a local daily and its website, covering council, courts and health. Breaks stories from public documents and community contacts, writes fast to deadline and films and edits short video. NCTJ Diploma with 100 words per minute shorthand. Looking for a regional news reporter role.

Experience

News Reporter | Sheffield Evening Courier | 2023–present

- Cover Sheffield council, crown court and the local NHS trust, filing four to six stories a day for web and print.
- Broke the story of a £2 million overspend on a tram depot from council papers; it led to an independent review.
- Interview people in person, by phone and online, and check every fact and quote before filing.
- Film and edit short videos for the website and social media.

Trainee Reporter | Peak District Gazette (weekly) | 2022–2023

- Wrote news and features for six villages and sub-edited the community pages.

Education

NCTJ Diploma in Journalism, with shorthand at 100 wpm | Don Valley College | 2021–2022

BA (Hons) English, 2:1 | University of Hallamshire | 2018–2021

Skills

- Court and council reporting
- Freedom of Information requests
- Shorthand, 100 wpm
- Video filming and editing

Additional information

Full UK driving licence. Clips and video available on request.