

Key dates in our History

- **1952** – TOC H members began preliminary work to set up a hospital broadcasting service in Dundee.
- **1955** – The very first football commentary was broadcast from Dundee United's Tannadice Park.
- **1961** – Magazine-type programme broadcast every Monday night to eight of Dundee's hospitals.
- **1967** – First TOC H radio broadcast from Cleghorn Street studios. First hospital TV service in the UK established.
- **1973** – Final television broadcast from Cleghorn Street, however radio broadcasting continued.
- **1982** – Radio Tayside's first broadcast from Rosebery Street next to the old Cleghorn Street premises.
- **1985** – Radio Liff was established to provide a radio service for patients in the Royal Dundee Liff Hospital.
- **1990** – Radio Liff's first custom-built studios opened.
- **1991** – Radio Tayside's last broadcast from the Rosebery Street studios before moving to DRI.
- **1992** – Radio Tayside's first broadcast from Dundee Royal Infirmary. Celebrates 40th anniversary of the establishment of a group to set up Hospital Broadcasting Service.
- **1995** – New studios for Radio Liff opened.
- **1996** – Radio Liff launches an FM service allowing patients to hear programmes on standard radios.
- **1998** – Radio Tayside makes its final broadcast from DRI.
- **1999** – Hospital Radio Tayside starts broadcasting from new studios based in Ninewells Hospital.
- **2001** – Hospital Radio Tayside & Radio Liff merge to form The Tayside Hospital Broadcasting Group.
Radio Liff's final broadcast takes place on 25 August and the final Hospital Radio Tayside broadcast on 2 December. The first joint BRIDGEfm broadcast takes place on 3 December.
- **2002** – DAB Digital Radio service launched across Tayside and North Fife on the Shared Access Channel.
- **2003** – BRIDGEfm Hospital Radio website launched.
- **2005** – Fiftieth anniversary of first broadcast. Events include first-ever RSL FM broadcast across Dundee and North Fife and a Civic Reception.
- **2006** – BRIDGEfm wins five awards at the National Hospital Radio awards. Service expanded to Craigmill House (Strathmartine) and Liff Hospital via DAB radios.

Some questions answered

• Who and what is BRIDGEfm Hospital Radio?

BRIDGEfm is Dundee's Hospital Broadcasting Service. We are a Scottish Charity dedicated to making a patient's stay in hospital as pleasant as possible. All our members are volunteers who willingly give up some of their spare time each week to keep the patients entertained.

• Which hospitals do you broadcast to?

Our broadcasts can be received in Ashludie Hospital, Carseview Centre, Macmillan Day-Care Centre, Maggie's Centre, Ninewells Hospital, Roxburgh House and Royal Victoria Hospital.

• How do I listen to BRIDGEfm Hospital Radio?

If you are in Ninewells Hospital you can hear us using the "traditional" bedside radio system. Alternatively you can tune a normal radio to 87.7fm to hear us in stereo in any of the hospitals listed above. Finally some of our broadcasts can also be heard on DAB Digital Radio throughout Tayside and North Fife on the Shared Access Channel. The programme guide opposite lists our DAB Digital Radio programmes.

• What kind of programmes do you broadcast?

There is a request programme every evening from 7pm when you will get your request played. The rest of our output is made up from a wide variety of music, comedy and drama. We also feature live football commentary from Dens or Tannadice Park, plus we can also broadcast Ice Hockey commentary and relay shows directly from the Caird Hall. See our full programme guide in your ward or on our website.

• How do I get in touch with BRIDGEfm Hospital Radio?

If you are in hospital, you should be visited by a request collector at least once a week or you can call us any time on Dundee 496333. Alternatively we can be contacted through our website or by email. When leaving hospital, why not leave a request for a friend or member of staff?

With the advent of our new digital service it is now possible for hospital patients to ask for a request or dedication to be played for their family or friends listening outwith hospital premises for the first time.

• Who pays for BRIDGEfm Hospital Radio?

We rely on donations of cash, music or equipment from individuals, the Health Board, local companies and Charitable Trusts. We are not associated with the BBC or any other local radio station and are a registered charity.

Our DAB Digital Radio programmes

BRIDGEfm broadcasts a wide variety of programmes 24 hours a day on 87.7fm and the Ninewells bedside radio network. There is not enough space to list our full programme guide here but if you have access to the Internet you will find every programme listed on our website.

Selected programmes are also available on DAB Digital Radio throughout Tayside and North Fife on the Shared Access Channel. These are the most hours broadcast digitally by any hospital radio station in Britain and they allow us to share our programmes more widely than ever before. Outwith these times you can hear programmes from RNA or HeartlandFM.

Monday

12-2pm The BRIDGEfm Top 30 Request Chart;
6pm In Concert; *7pm* The Request Show;
9pm Nice and Slow(ish); *11pm* The Music Box;
11:30pm Pause for Prayer; *11:35pm* BRIDGE non-stop!

Tuesday

12-2pm Lunchtime Live!; *6pm* Everyone's a Winner!;
7pm The Request Show; *9:30pm* Into the night;
11pm The Music Box; *11:30pm* Pause for Prayer;
11:35pm BRIDGE non-stop!

Wednesday

12-2pm Nashville Country; *6pm* In Concert;
7pm The Request Show; *9pm* Into the night;
11pm The Music Box; *11:30pm* Pause for Prayer;
11:35pm BRIDGE non-stop!

Thursday

12-2pm Thursday Brunch; *6pm* Seven Days;
7pm The Request Show; *9:30pm* Into the night;
11pm The Music Box; *11:30pm* Pause for Prayer;
11:35pm BRIDGE non-stop!

Friday

12-2pm Lunchtime Live!

Saturday

No DAB Digital programmes from BRIDGEfm.

Sunday

6pm The Sunday Show; *7pm* The Request Show;
9:30pm Into the night; *11pm* The Music Box;
11:30pm Pause for Prayer; *11:35pm* BRIDGE non-stop!

Can you help us to help others?

BRIDGEfm is a charity so everything we need has to be funded by ourselves. We always welcome donations of any CDs you perhaps have no more use for so long as they are still in good condition. You can either leave them for us at the Information Desk in the main entrance of Ninewells Hospital (clearly addressed to "BRIDGEfm Hospital Radio", please) or you can contact us to arrange for collection. We are also sometimes interested in pieces of audio equipment you may no longer need but please telephone us to check first.

If you can spare a few hours on a regular basis each week then you could help us collect requests from patients in Ashludie Hospital, The Carseview Centre, Maggie's Centre, Ninewells Hospital, Roxburghe House or Royal Victoria Hospital. Many patients appreciate the opportunity to have a request played on the radio and welcome a friendly person to talk to. We also need volunteers to train as Production Assistants, Football/Sports Commentators and Presenters.

If you are aged 16 or over and this interests you then please write to The Members' Representative at the address on the front of this leaflet for an application pack. You can also apply online through our website where there is more information about the service and the posts we have available.

We are always looking for programme sponsors and prizes to be given away for our prize draws, on air or at our roadshows. If you can help please contact The Secretary at the address on the front of this leaflet or get in touch through our website.

Can we help you?

Why not ask the BRIDGEfm Hospital Radio team to help you with your forthcoming event? We can provide a full roadshow, a public address service or even make your disco come alive!

We can also come to you and give a talk about hospital radio to your local group or organisation such as U3A groups or church groups.

With Programme Sponsorship you can let the patients hear that you or your company supports this important local charitable organisation. There are no fixed prices for sponsorship and we can tailor-make any package to suit your needs.

For more information please contact The Secretary at the address on the front of this leaflet or get in touch through our website.

Plan your request in advance

You can plan ahead by thinking of a possible request you would like played on BRIDGEfm Hospital Radio. You can either wait until the request collector visits your ward, or you can contact us using any of the methods listed below.

To protect your privacy we are only allowed to use your forename when we play your request on the air.

Your name: _____

Your hospital: _____

Your ward: _____

Approximate time: (7-9:30pm): _____

Type of music you like (eg Scottish, Country, 60s, 70s, etc):

Name of favourite singer, group, orchestra, etc:

Title of favourite song or tune:

How to contact us

You can call us anytime on 01382 496333 or, if you ask the nurse, you may be able to use internal extension 36333 free of charge.

There is also a request form on our website that you can complete if you have internet access. You can also email your request to <studio@bridgefm.org.uk>.

Look out for our request collector who should visit your ward at least once a week or get a visitor to leave your request at the main reception desk and ask for it to be sent to our studios by the internal mail system.

The Tayside Hospital Broadcasting Group
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*Broadcasting to Ashludie Hospital,
Carseview Centre, Macmillan
Day-Care Centre, Maggie's Centre,
Ninewells Hospital, Roxburghe House
and Royal Victoria Hospital.*

*Broadcasting on DAB Digital Radio, 87.7fm
and the Ninewells bedside radio network.*

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