

From **A**bba to **Z**Z Top

Hospital Radio Ipswich first took to the airwaves 40 years ago. While the station has moved into the technological age of broadcasting, patients remain its number one priority.

Details

Hospital Radio Ipswich broadcasts live from 6-11pm every evening with news on the hour from Sky. At other times there are pre-recorded and non-stop music programmes. However, the station is gradually adding live programmes throughout the day. Go to the website for the programme schedule and other information

- There is full match commentary of every Ipswich Town Football Club home game.

- www.hri.org.uk

- Follow them on Twitter: @hosradioipswich



FORTY YEARS ON: The many faces of Hospital Radio Ipswich, including fundraisers over many years and studio broadcasting. The picture above shows a young Tim Ward in the studio during the 1980s.

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Would love to hear...

Most requested artists

- 1 Elvis Presley
- 2 Jim Reeves
- 3 Frank Sinatra
- 4 Queen
- 5 Johnny Cash
- 6 Daniel O'Donnell
- 7 = Abba
- 8 = Michael Buble
- 9 Beatles
- 10 Rod Stewart

Most requested songs

- 1 I love you because
- Jim Reeves**
- 2 My way
- Frank Sinatra**
- 3 Distant drums
- Jim Reeves**
- 4 Sailing
- Rod Stewart**
- 5 Wind beneath my wings
- Bette Midler**
- 6 Make you feel my love
- Adele**
- 7 Bohemian Rhapsody
- Queen**
- 8 I want to break free
- Queen**
- 9 What a wonderful world
- Louis Armstrong**
- 10 The flood
- Take That**

volunteering is not just about gaining experience behind the microphone. It's giving up your time to provide an entertaining service to your audience because you care about your listener and want to make a difference to their lives.

The smallest thing can make someone remember what you did for the rest of their life, and if the volunteers make it a positive memory then that's a very rewarding experience.

Roles include:

- Request Collectors – to visit patients and collect requests.
- Station assistants – answering telephones, filing records and generally assisting.
- Fund raisers
- Technical assistants
- Disco DJs

Most people attend at least once a week, although some do more. Minimum age for membership is 18 years old. Anyone interested should download an application form from the website.

piece of music, from Abba to ZZ Top. Many professional broadcasters have learnt their trade at Hospital Radio Ipswich, but above all they were volunteering for the patients. No matter how Hospital Radio Ipswich has evolved, whether broadcasting from the wards, providing discos or a PA system for outside events; being on-air 24/7 with an hourly news link to enhancing its online presence for streaming, the running theme throughout is the patient.

In July the station launched its online streaming service, which can be heard by everybody via its website; www.hri.org.uk.

The introduction of this new service means that Hospital Radio

Ipswich can be heard by patients who go home for spells during their treatment, and patients and their families can share in programming and requests.

Life begins...

The Station will celebrate its 40th birthday in October and plans to stage a Gala Radio Evening. It would love to hear from any ex-members who would like to take part and is asking them to get in touch through the website at www.hri.org.uk.

Giveacar

Hospital Radio Ipswich has teamed up with Giveacar, the

UK's innovative car donation service. They organise free collection of your old or scrap vehicle from anywhere in the UK, and raise money from it either through eco-friendly scrapping or auction. The money raised is then donated to the radio station.

For more about the scheme, or to donate a car to the station, go to the website.

Can you help?

Hospital Radio Ipswich is always on the look-out for volunteers to perform a variety of roles – and not just presenting.

Although many people believe hospital radio is a training ground for budding presenters,

hospital to the other."

It's at the current Heath Road site where Hospital Radio Ipswich is broadcast free of charge to all wards 24/7 at Ipswich Hospital.

The station is a member of the Hospital Broadcasting Association and has its own constitution. Among other things, this states that it must annually elect an executive committee to provide a structural, stable environment for all that is a part of the station.

Hospital Radio Ipswich is primarily a ward visiting service. Its flagship programme is broadcast between 8:30pm and 10pm.

It is mainly a request programme, so each evening patients can hear their favourite