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Ex-Mayor opens new Hospital Radio Studio's

On Saturday 18th February 2017 Cllr Allan Kauffman visited Radio Hillingdon to officially open Radio Hillingdon's 2 new studios, which he helped to gain funding for. During his visit he cut a ribbon across the studio door, whilst making a speech live on air. He then stayed for an hour chatting to members and patients during a special radio programme.

Cllr Kauffman was the Mayor of the London Borough of Hillingdon in 2013/14. During his term in office he visited the Hospital studios to record a get well message to the patients. He was so impressed by the station and the service it provides, that he asked Chairman Steve Hickman, if there was some way in which he could help. The Mayor then asked the Council for a grant for £20,000 which enabled Radio Hillingdon to purchase 2 new professional digital mixing desks. This was added to £10,000 from the National Lottery and a further £10,000 which the stations volunteers raised themselves making a total of £40,000. This was used to purchase 2 completely new, state of the art studios. The equipment was installed by a team of dedicated volunteers over the next year or so. The new studios will enable the stations volunteers to interchange seamlessly between programmes. But will also mean that whilst one studio is on air, the other can be used for training new volunteers or pre-recording programmes and interviews.

Hospital Radio Hillingdon broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the patients of the Hillingdon Hospital, free via the Hospedia bedside entertainment system. Also online at www.radiohillington.com and via their free Apple and Android APP. They also broadcast to some of the Nursing homes in the Borough. It broadcasts a nightly request show made up of requests collected from the patients, during nightly ward visits made by its volunteers. The station is a registered Charity which is run entirely by volunteers, and relies on donations and the fund-raising efforts of the volunteers to survive. They are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join their team of Ward Visitors, Presenters and Fund-raisers. The Ex-Mayor even hinted he may be interested in becoming a volunteer for the station himself if he gets time.

Chairman, Steve Hickman said, " We are extremely grateful to Cllr Kaufman and Hillingdon Council for their generous donation. The studios are amazing and our volunteers feel very proud and honored to be able to use them".

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