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Application for a Grant – Durham Hospitals Radio

Radio Office , University Hospital North Durham, County Durham DH1 5TW 07889928051

20th January 2026

Dear Sirs RE: Request for support for Durham Hospitals Radio to help support patients and staff I trust this letter finds you well.

I am writing on behalf of Durham Hospitals Radio in the hope that you might be willing to consider a request for grant support in order to help us continue our service supporting patients and their families from the Durham area during their time with us at the University Hospital of North Durham.

Originally formed in the 1960s, Durham Hospitals Radio is a registered charity (No.516714), which is staffed by volunteers and is entirely self-supporting. The station broadcasts 24/7 to the patients of the University Hospital of North Durham.

The aim of our organisation is purely to provide an entertainment and information service to patients of all ages and from all parts of our county and also to staff and visitors of UHND via an internal radio service and the internet. Our main objective is to use the power of music to aid the healing process of patients in hospital both physically and mentally as well as providing a bedside friend.

By providing this service to the people of Durham the benefit to their recovery and wellbeing is of primary importance. Our community needs this service to be available to them at a time when they are not at their strongest or feeling isolated. This service is exceptionally popular with patients and Durham Hospitals Radio is delighted to have recently been shortlisted in seven categories for the National Hospital Radio Awards 2026 being held in Bolton in March.

More information about Durham Hospitals Radio can be found via our website:

<https://dhradio.org.uk/wordpress/>

In order to help us continue this invaluable service, we require funding to pay ongoing operating costs which exceed £3000pa (no salaries or wages as all voluntary work). Any support at all would be gratefully received and clear reference will be made to those

contributing organisations or individuals in our social media and on air. I am happy to meet and discuss this with you in person or over the phone if you require any further information at all.

With very many thanks in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Eileen Thompson

Durham Hospitals Radio Fundraising Manager