

# NEWS FROM ISLAND HEALTH

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## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY CASUALTY STAR TO OPEN ISLAND HEALTH

**DATE:** Friday, 28 April 1995  
**TIME:** 12 noon for 12.30pm  
**VENUE:** ISLAND HEALTH  
145 EAST FERRY ROAD  
ISLE OF DOGS, LONDON E14 (next to ASDA Superstore)

Patrick Robinson, aka nurse Martin "Ash" Ashford in the long-running BBC series "Casualty", will take time off from the studio hospital to see how real life care is provided in the community when he officially opens *Island Health*, a new health centre on the Isle of Dogs, London Docklands on Friday, 28 April.

The tables will be turned on Robinson as he finds himself at the receiving end of the attention of the practice nurses, who will wire him up to a specialist machine to measure his heart rate, to highlight a "hands-on" health exhibition at the Centre.

The exhibition will be open to the public on Saturday, 29 April when visitors will be able to try out all sorts of medical gadgets - such as measuring the effects of smoking or their heart rates.

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**Island Health is one of the "new wave" medical centres designed to house a whole range of health services under one roof - from doctors, dentists and opticians to social workers, district nurses and occupational therapists. Patients who would in the past have had to travel out of the area for specialist care, can now find these services on their doorsteps.**

**Funded by the North Thames Regional Health Authority, which contributed £750,000 towards development costs, and the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) which paid £450,000 through the Social Accord agreement with Tower Hamlets Council, *Island Health*, is operated by the Island Health Charitable Trust which raised the remaining costs. The Trust acts as landlord to the health teams working there and has local residents as well as health professionals and representatives of the funding bodies as its trustees.**

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