

News Release

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DCH is winning the war against infection

Dorset County Hospital has reached a significant milestone in its efforts to combat 'superbugs'.

The infection prevention team has just reported there have been no hospital acquired MRSA bacteraemia infections at DCH for a whole year (Sept 2009 – Sept 2010).

A team effort from staff throughout the hospital has improved and maintained the very high standards of cleanliness and infection prevention.

Measures introduced have included the refurbishment of patient areas, the installation of hand washing stations outside wards, MRSA screening for emergency as well as elective patients, the early isolation of patients and a strong focus from the matrons on hand hygiene for all staff.

The hospital's Director of Nursing Alison Tong said: "The team effort to support the improvement of infection prevention practice, led by the infection prevention team, has been remarkable.

"Every member of staff has a part to play in safeguarding our patients. They are all to be congratulated."

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