

# News Release

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## **National clinical audit award for DCH**

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has won one of the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnerships (HQIP) prestigious Clinical Audit Awards.

There were over 100 entries for this year's competition and Dorset County Hospital was joint winner in the 'Creating and Improving Efficiencies' category.

The award-winning audit was undertaken in the Emergency Department (ED) last year. Dr Kate Goyder carried out the audit with the help of Dr Jon Davis, under the supervision of Dr Suzy Connor, to examine the ordering of blood tests within the department.

The audit showed that the processes could be improved and resulted in training for staff and a reduction in the number of unnecessary tests for patients.

Kate entered the audit for the Trust's own clinical audit competition and won the annual prize. Pamela Ellis, Chair of the Clinical Audit Committee, recognised the potential of the audit and together with Sarah Simmonds, Clinical Quality Facilitator, put together an application for the national prize. Pamela and Sarah are pictured with Rob Torok, Emergency Medicine Consultant, who originally came up with the idea for the audit.

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's success in the competition was announced at an awards ceremony at the Belfry Hotel near Birmingham.

"It was a real honour to accept the award on behalf of the Trust," said Pamela. "This was a fantastic audit that made a real impact both financially and on clinical care. It puts Dorset County Hospital on the map as a Trust that is striving to make our services efficient and improve patient care."

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