



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust named as one of the CHKS 40Top Hospitals 2011**

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is one of the CHKS 40Top Hospitals 2011. The 40Top Hospitals award is awarded to the 40 top-performing CHKS client trusts and is based on the evaluation of 21 indicators of clinical effectiveness, health outcomes, efficiency, patient experience and quality of care<sup>1</sup>.

The winners were announced at an awards ceremony held in London and hosted by CHKS, the UK's leading independent provider of healthcare intelligence and quality improvement services.

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's Chairman Dr Jeffrey Ellwood and Chief Executive Jean O'Callaghan attended to collect the award.

Mrs O'Callaghan said: "This award is a tribute to the hard work of each and every one of our staff and the Chairman and I felt very proud to receive it on their behalf."

James Coles, director of research, CHKS, said: "We are delighted that Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is one of our 40Top Hospitals for 2011. These awards recognise outstanding performance in the areas which we believe are critical to delivering good patient care."

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust was also one of five trusts to be nominated for the CHKS Quality of Care Award, but just missed out to West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Trust.

**Photo:** Jason Harries, Managing Director of CHKS (pictured on the left), presents the 40Top Hospitals Award to Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Chief Executive Jean O'Callaghan and Chairman Dr Jeffrey Ellwood.

**Notes to editors:**

1 Revised annually to take account of newly available performance information, this year's indicators include:

- Risk-adjusted mortality
- Risk-adjusted length of stay
- Rate of emergency readmission to hospital — 28 days
- Rate of emergency readmission to hospital following treatment for a fractured hip
- Day-case rate for target procedures (case mix adjusted)
- Day-case conversion rate (case mix adjusted)
- Overall data quality
- Rate of emergency readmission to hospital following AMI within 28 days
- Rate of emergency readmission to hospital within 14 days — COPD
- Percentage of elective inpatients admitted on day of procedure
- Pre-op length of stay for fractured neck of femur
- Pre-op length of stay for elective surgery
- Percentage of elective in-patient admission with no procedure
- Reported MRSA bacteraemia rate
- Reported C. difficile rate for patients aged 65 and over
- Procedure not carried out — hospital decision
- Inpatient survey
- A&E survey
- Patient misadventures
- Obstetrics complications for delivery spells
- Outpatient DNA — first attendance

2 The Top Hospital awards were based on an evaluation of 135 CHKS clients (acute trusts).

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4 The CHKS 40Top Hospitals 2011 are (in alphabetical order):

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust  
Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Trust  
Basingstoke and North Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust  
Bedford Hospital NHS Trust  
Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust  
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust  
Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
East Cheshire NHS Trust  
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust  
Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust  
Kingston Hospital NHS Trust  
Lewisham Healthcare NHS Trust  
Medway NHS Foundation Trust  
North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust  
Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust  
Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust  
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust  
South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust  
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust  
The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust  
The Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust  
West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Trust  
Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust  
Weston Area Health NHS Trust  
Wye Valley NHS Trust  
York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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