

# News Release

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## Restaurant open for all

Dorset County Hospital's catering team is encouraging members of the public to sample the food on offer in the restaurant and find out why inspectors recently rated it 'excellent'.

Damers Restaurant, located on Level 2 of the hospital's North Wing, is throwing open its doors to anyone who would like to enjoy a meal there during the week and at weekends.

Catering Manager Tim Pike said: "We want people to know that everyone is welcome to eat in our restaurant at any time, not just patients, visitors and staff.

"We offer a great variety of quality food, freshly prepared by our NHS chefs, at reasonable prices.

"We are open from 7.30am to 7.30pm every day and you can enjoy a main course and sweet for under £6.

"Please come and visit us - our friendly staff are ready to give you a warm welcome."

Dorset County Hospital received top scores from national assessors for excellence in patient care, facilities and food.

The annual PEAT (Patient Environment Action Teams) inspection for 2011 rated DCH as 'excellent' in all three areas – environment, food and privacy and dignity.

PEATs were established in 2000 to review standards at acute hospitals using a five point scale – excellent, good, acceptable, poor and unacceptable.

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**PHOTO: DCH catering staff, from left to right, Head Chef Richard Stokes, Restaurant Supervisor Bridget Phillips, Catering Assistant Trina Abbott, Catering Manager Tim Pike, Chef Valerie Beasley and Catering Assistant Dani Smith.**

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