

News Release

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Hospital shortlisted for top award

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has been shortlisted for a national award which recognises excellence in patient care.

The hospital is one of only six acute trusts across the UK in the running for the CHKS Quality of Care Award as part of the annual Top Hospital Awards.

The award is based on a number of criteria including the length of time patients stay in hospital, the rate of emergency re-admissions and whether the care pathway proceeded as originally intended.

Dorset County Hospital is shortlisted along with The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Trust, Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust and West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Trust.

The winner will be announced at a ceremony in London on May 10.

Jim Coles, Director of Research at CHKS said: "Patients rely on their local hospital to provide high quality and appropriate treatment when they need it. Our Quality of Care Award highlights those Trusts that are achieving exceptional standards in the delivery of patient care."

Chief Executive of Dorset County Hospital Jean O'Callaghan said she was delighted to hear the hospital was up for the award: "To be shortlisted for this award is testament to the team effort by staff throughout the hospital to provide the very best care for our patients."

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The Top Hospital Awards are the longest established data-driven healthcare awards in the UK, celebrating the success of healthcare providers for over 10 years. You can find out more at www.tophospitals.co.uk

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