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Hospital café to be opened by Dorchester Mayor

Dorchester Mayor Tess James will officially open Dorset County Hospital's refurbished café at 11am on Tuesday, 10 January 2012.

The former League of Friends café is now being run by the hospital's own in-house catering team and has been renamed The Terrace Café – a name chosen by hospital staff through a survey. The café offers a wide range of refreshments and extended opening hours, 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday.

The move followed an external review of food services in the hospital which showed that merging the café with the hospital's catering department would lead to a more cohesive service and maximise the money made for supporting patient services.

The Trust's Director of Finance and Resources Bill Boa said: "We greatly appreciate the service the Friends have provided from the café premises, but with the current financial pressures the hospital is facing we have to ensure we are making the most of every opportunity for generating income.

"Having a single catering service for the hospital will make it much easier to manage efficiently.

"We have been working closely with the Friends to identify other volunteer roles the café volunteers can take on so they can continue to make a vital contribution to the hospital.

"The Friends will continue to provide their valuable charitable support through the hospital shop and ward trolley service."

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