

# News Release

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## Hospital Open Day

Hundreds of visitors had the chance to see behind the scenes of their local hospital at Dorset County Hospital's annual open day.

This year's tour programme included theatres, the cardiology department and the equipment library. There was also the opportunity to take part in the popular CPR challenge and the Practice Educators were demonstrating their training aids.

Free health checks were available with the diabetes, respiratory, nursing and dermatology teams, and young visitors enjoyed bringing their cuddly toys to the Teddy Bear Clinic for them to receive a bandage.

There were a range of displays in the Education Centre from departments around the Trust, including Research and Innovation, DCH Charity and safeguarding, as well as from organisations who work closely with the hospital.

Visitors also learnt about the hospital's plans for the future, with two talks from the Director of Strategy and Business Development about the hospital's strategy and plans for the hospital site.

Chief Executive Patricia Miller said: "The Open Day is a great opportunity for us to showcase the excellent work of the Trust, and to give visitors the chance to see all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes at the hospital."

"Staff and volunteers put a lot of work into organising the afternoon and we were delighted to give so many people the opportunity to find out more about how their local hospital operates."

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**PHOTO: a selection of photographs from the day attached**

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