

News Release

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Hospital Open Day

Dorset County Hospital is gearing up for its popular annual open day.

This year's event is happening on **Saturday, 7 October from 2pm to 4.30pm** and offers a chance to see behind the scenes of your local hospital.

Favourite activities such as the CPR challenge and health checks will be running as well as tours of departments not usually open to the public.

This year's tour programme includes theatres, the cardiology department and the equipment library.

Free health checks will be available in the education centre with our nurses and clinicians.

The popular Teddy Bear Clinic will be back so young visitors can bring along their favourite cuddly toy or doll to have their heart listened to, or for them to receive a bandage.

There will be a range of displays in the Education Centre (East Wing) from departments around the Trust, including Research and Innovation, DCH Charity and safeguarding.

The recruitment team will be offering information regarding opportunities for Registered Nurses and Health Care Support Workers, and will be on hand to discuss possible job opportunities and take applications. They will also be offering opportunities to apply for the Preceptorship Programme for Newly Qualified Nurses for intakes in February and September 2018. General information on recruitment and volunteering will also be available.

Damers Restaurant will be offering a wide range of refreshments and home-made cakes on the day.

There will also be the opportunity to hear about the future of Dorset County Hospital during a presentation about the Trust's strategy.

It's going to be a busy afternoon, with plenty to see and do. On arrival please go to the Education Centre in East Wing to collect your programme and tour tickets, where friendly volunteers will be happy to help you make the most of your visit.

Chief Executive Patricia Miller said: “This is a chance for us to showcase the wonderful work that goes on at the hospital, often behind the scenes. Visitors can be sure of gaining a fascinating insight into the many different departments and services within the hospital.

“Staff have put a lot of work into organising this afternoon and I hope as many people as possible will make the most of this opportunity to find out more about how their local hospital operates.”

Tours and displays will run from the hospital’s Education Centre which can be found in East Wing on the ground floor, Level 0. For more information please call 01305 254683, or email communications@dchft.nhs.uk

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PHOTO: Tour group visit an operating theatre; health checks in the Education Centre; the CPR Challenge

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