

News Release

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Silver Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Award for Hospital

Dorset County Hospital was honoured to be awarded a Silver Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Award by the Wessex Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association.

The hospital was one of only 16 organisations in the South West Region to be given the award in recognition of its continued support of members of the Armed Forces community.

The organisation was selected to receive the award at a meeting of the Tri-Service Regional Employer Engagement Board which recognised the exceptional work the hospital has done to support serving members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families.

The award was presented by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Dorset, Mr Angus Campbell at a ceremony held in the West Dorset Council Offices in Dorchester.

It was received on behalf of the hospital by Major Toby Hood. A former Officer in the Regular Army, Toby is now the Private and Overseas Patient Manager in the hospital as well as an Army Reservist, commanding the Dorset based C Company, 6th Battalion, The Rifles. The hospital was also represented by Major Michael Lamparelli, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon and Reservist Surgeon, and Private Carl Bulman, a Senior Healthcare Assistant with the Acute Hospital at Home Team, who both serve with 243 (Wessex) Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Mark Addison, Chairman of Dorset County Hospital said: "We are very proud to have received this award from the Wessex Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association. We have a number of staff employed at DCH who are retired service personnel, Reservists and Cadet Force volunteers and, as signatories of the Armed Forces Covenant, we take seriously our commitment to those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces."

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PHOTO: (from left) Major Michael Lamparelli, Private Carl Bulman and Major Toby Hood receiving the Silver Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Award from Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Dorset, Mr Angus Campbell.

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