

The

DCH way

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The Newsletter for Public and Staff Foundation Trust Members

Make a difference by becoming a governor

Would you like a key role in supporting your hospital and helping to shape its future direction?

We are on the lookout for public and staff members who would be interested in putting themselves forward for election as governors for the hospital.

Being a governor is a chance to make a positive impact on local healthcare provision. As well as representing the views of the members and the interests of the public, you will hold the hospital's Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Board.

Duncan Farquhar-Thomson, Lead Governor said: "Becoming a governor is a great way to show your support for the hospital in a practical way and to get involved in the future of local healthcare provision. As governors we have the privilege of representing the views of our constituents and the local public, as well as working with governor colleagues and staff to help the hospital achieve its purpose of delivering compassionate, safe and effective healthcare."

As a governor you will have the opportunity to attend quarterly Council of Governors meetings and quarterly Governor Working Groups as well as observe board committees, sit on Governor Committees and/or join the Governor Assurance Team to undertake hospital inspection visits.

We are looking for new governors in the following areas:

Constituency	Number of seats available
West Dorset	2
Weymouth and Portland	2
North Dorset	1
Purbeck, East Dorset, Christchurch, Poole and Bournemouth	2
South Somerset/Out of Area	1
Staff Governors	3

For details of how to stand for election, please turn to the back page.



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INTEGRITY | RESPECT | TEAMWORK | EXCELLENCE

Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of our new-look newsletter for public and staff members of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.



We have combined our previously separate public and staff newsletters to reflect that we are all members of our foundation trust and we hope to pack in much more news and information in each issue.

The title refers to our values which we launched last year and our newsletter will illustrate how our teams are living those values every day.

We established our values - The DCH Way - after seeking input from staff throughout the hospital.

Thanks to the feedback we received, each of our values – **Integrity, Respect, Teamwork, Excellence** – truly reflect what we all feel is most important.

Underpinning each of our values is a set of behaviours that we all sign up to – what we all expect to see in each other and the way that we pledge to behave as we go about our work each day.

As work continues we will see our values becoming part of everything we do, including recruitment, appraisal, induction and leadership development. Our values will also form the basis of our revised Patient Charter.



We hope you enjoy our first edition. If you have any comments or would like to contribute something for a future edition please contact the communications team on **01305 254683** or **communications@dchft.nhs.uk**

DCH Charity News

Walk for Wards 2017

We need your support for our main fundraising event – Walk for Wards – which this year takes place on Weymouth Seafront on Sunday 2 July.

Last year's walk at Lodmoor Country Park raised over £5,000 for hospital wards and for our Cancer Appeal. This year's event takes place in Weymouth and the 5km walk will go from the end of Weymouth beach, near the Pavilion, past Greenhill towards Bowleaze Cove and back. As before, supporters can nominate the ward of their choice or support the Cancer Appeal.

In the next few weeks details will be posted on the Charity website **www.dchft.nhs.uk/charity** with information about how to get involved, donating via the Walk for Wards JustGiving page, setting up your own JustGiving page and downloading sponsorship forms.



Anyone taking part in the event will get a special Walk for Wards T-shirt to wear on the day and receive a medal at the end. It costs nothing to register but participants will be asked to try to raise a minimum of £50 sponsorship. The walk is especially good for groups who would like to walk and fundraise as part of a team, but the event is equally suitable for people walking on their own.

Update on the Cancer Appeal

Our Cancer Appeal is raising £1.75million to enhance cancer services at Dorset County Hospital as part of a major project in partnership with Poole Hospital.

A radiotherapy unit is being built at Dorset County Hospital giving patients in North, South and West Dorset access to local radiotherapy services for the first time. Currently patients have to travel to the Dorset Cancer Centre at Poole for radiotherapy treatment which can take over an hour from towns such as Lyme Regis, Portland and Sherborne. Providing these services in Dorchester will make it much easier to access this life-saving treatment. The radiotherapy equipment, and the bespoke building which will house it, is being funded by Poole Hospital who will operate the radiotherapy services.

Our Cancer Appeal will fund a new cancer outpatients department, which will be built on top of the radiotherapy building, and reconfigure the existing chemotherapy suite to allow families and friends to sit with patients while they have chemotherapy. Creating these spaces will transform the experience of patients and their families. Additional rooms will also be provided for consultations, counselling and other support services.

The Cancer Appeal currently stands at just over £960,000, 54% of the target amount of £1.75million. With just over a year to go we still have £790,000 to raise so there is a lot to do, but support from staff, the local community and local businesses continues to rise and DCH Charity has lots of ideas about how the remaining money can be raised. Fortuneswell Cancer Trust and the Friends of Dorset County Hospital are also fundraising for the Cancer Appeal and working with the Charity on a number of projects and fundraising events.



For further information about the Cancer Appeal or to find out how you can get involved visit **www.dchft.nhs.uk/charity**, phone Rachel on 01305 253215 or follow us on **www.facebook.com/DCHcharity**.

Staff fundraisers

London Marathon

We are incredibly lucky to have staff who are prepared to do amazing things to support their wards and the hospital charity. Two of our staff are running the London Marathon on Sunday 23 April and we want to support them as much as we can.

Sandra Wilks, Staff Nurse on Day Lewis Ward is running the London Marathon for the Day Lewis Ward.

You can find out more and support her by visiting **www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sandra-Wilks**



Sophie Claxton, Staff Nurse on Day Surgery is also running the London Marathon and is supporting the Cancer Appeal. You can support her at **www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sophie-Claxton1**



Pencils set to return!

Visitors to the East Wing of the hospital will have noticed that the 'Red and Blue Crayons' sculpture by Peter Logan (fondly known as The Pencils) has been removed. This is a temporary measure to enable a full refurbishment of the sculpture. They are likely to be down for a number of weeks, but they will be back!



Become a DCH volunteer

Do you have a few hours to spare on a regular basis? Maybe you have been a patient at the hospital or a family member of someone who has, or are looking for a way to become more involved in your community? All around the hospital there are volunteers making a huge contribution. We have volunteers in a wide range of roles including ward assistants, unit hosts/hostesses, play assistants, trauma volunteers, administration assistants, speech therapy volunteers, chaplaincy assistants and many more. We are also affiliated with the Friends of DCH, the Hospital Guides and Ridgeway Radio whose services rely on volunteer support.



There are two ways you can apply to become a volunteer with us. You can apply for a volunteer role that has been advertised online on NHS Jobs www.jobs.nhs.uk and TRAC <http://trac.jobs>. These advertised roles will be for specific wards and departments within the hospital who are looking for volunteers to help and support their team.

Alternatively you can contact the Volunteering Co-ordinator, Abigail Harris on 01305 255239 abigail.harris@dchft.nhs.uk expressing an interest in becoming a volunteer. Abigail will then contact departments at the hospital to see if a volunteering match is available that would work for both parties.

All applicants go through a clearance process which includes a DBS check.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, we would love to hear from you.

DCH plans for Damers School site

The hospital is expected to take ownership of the Damers School site in April 2017 when the school moves to its new home at Poundbury.

In the short term the Trust will use the site to create additional staff parking spaces to ease pressure on the hospital car parks and free up more spaces for patient and visitor use.

The Trust is also looking at using the existing school building on an interim basis to free up office space on the hospital site. This may enable some clinical area improvement projects to start moving ahead.

The Grove Pre-school Playgroup will remain where it is on the school site for now and the Trust is keen to keep the nursery on site as part of any future plans.

Options for the longer term use of the site are currently being worked through. The Trust proposes mixed use for the site for healthcare provision and commercial use. Any commercial ventures will be aimed at generating income for the Trust which can be used to support and improve patient services.

DCH's Director of Strategy and Business Development Nick Johnson said: "We are very excited to take ownership of the Damers site as it provides us with a once in a generation opportunity. We want to use the site to help us improve the patient experience, improve performance and generate income streams to contribute to the ongoing sustainability and success of the Trust.

"We are currently exploring options for funding the development of the site and have commenced a process to select a development partner and we will be working collaboratively with local authorities and community groups to ensure any proposals are sensitive to local needs.

"We will engage with staff and the wider public about any proposals as the plans develop."

Join the PLACE team

Each year we undertake inspections of the hospital environment and food to ensure we are maintaining our high standards.

Since 2013 we have completed annual Patient-Led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE), which replaced the old Patient Environment Action Team (PEAT) inspections. The assessments enable people to come into the hospital as part of a team to assess patients' privacy and dignity, food, cleanliness and general building maintenance.

The findings of the assessment and results are reported publicly to help drive improvements in the care environment, and show how hospitals are performing nationally and locally.

The PLACE teams are a collaboration between staff and patient assessors, with patients making up at least 50 per

cent of the team. Anyone who uses the services at the hospital can be a patient assessor, including current patients, their family and visitors, carers, or patient advocates. The only restriction is that current staff are not able to assess the hospital they work at as a patient assessor.

We are currently looking for more patient assessors. Volunteers will be required to attend a short training day at the hospital and to undertake the assessment with other members of the public and staff. The assessment day lasts from 8am to 5pm, with each team visiting various clinical and non-clinical areas. The areas to be visited are agreed in advance by the team in discussion with the hospital.



For more information about PLACE or to apply to join the team please contact Paul Andrews on 01305 255573 or email paul.andrews@dchft.nhs.uk.

Staff dedication recognised at long service awards

Staff received recognition for their hard work and dedication at the Dorset County Hospital Long Service Awards.

Certificates, medals and pin badges were presented for 25 years' service and over

by our Chairman Mark Addison during a ceremony at Stratton Village Hall.

Mr Addison said: "It was great to see staff from across the hospital gathered together to celebrate the amazing contribution they have made. It is the

people who work here who make this hospital the wonderful place it is.

"We are lucky to have so many staff who have dedicated their working lives to our patients and to giving them the treatment, support and care they need."



Clinical Audit Competition 2017

We are accepting entries from staff for the Clinical Audit Competition 2017 which will take place on Friday 19 May 2017.

This is the ninth year of the competition and at Dorset County Hospital many of our winning audits go on to do well in national audit competitions.

Clinical audits can be on any topic but ideally you should have completed the audit cycle and shown how the changes you have introduced have led to improvements in patient care.

Any member of staff, except consultants, can enter.

If you have carried out the first cycle of an audit but have not had a chance to re-audit and measure the changes you have made, you still have time.

More information on the competition including how to enter can be found on the Clinical Audit pages of the intranet:

www-local/departments/clinical/copy_of_clinical-audit-1

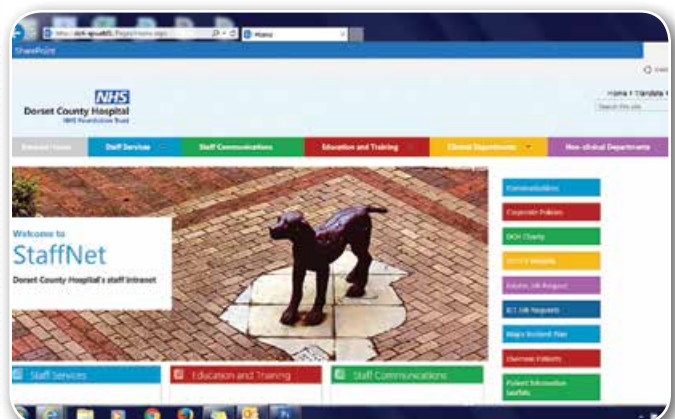
New StaffNet intranet service for DCH staff

StaffNet, the hospital's new intranet service for staff, will be launched later this spring. The site will enable departments to manage their own content, helping to ensure that staff can access accurate and up to date information.

During the design process for StaffNet we have taken into account feedback from staff, who found the old site difficult to navigate and time consuming to update. The new site has a clearer layout, which mirrors the design of our external website, and will enable teams to easily update their own information.



For more information or advice about the new intranet please contact the communications team on 01305 254683 or communications@dchft.nhs.uk



Step challenge

As part of our commitment to health and wellbeing, we held our first ever pedometer challenge. Seven teams from across the hospital competed against each other to see who could record the most steps each week. During the challenge we walked 4,818 miles, that's to Moscow and back! Well done to everyone who took part. We'll keep you posted about future fitness challenges.



Jon goes for gold at World Transplant Games

We are very proud of Jon Fox, Assistant Service Manager at Dorset County Hospital, who has been selected to represent Team GB in the World Transplant Games in Malaga this summer.

This will be the 21st World Transplant Games, which take place every two years, and are supported by the International Olympic Committee. The games represent the largest organ donor awareness event in the world, with 17 sporting events and over 1,000 competitors from 70 countries. Jon has been selected to compete in the badminton singles, doubles and mixed competitions.

Jon was born with a genetic disease called Alpha 1 antitrypsin deficiency. Following numerous stays in hospital as a child, he was placed on the transplant list at Christmas in 1996. For the next five months Jon was effectively housebound, but on Saturday 31 May 1997 he underwent a lifesaving liver transplant at King's College Hospital, London.

In 1999, Jon's mum entered him for the British Transplant Games as a way of encouraging him to meet others who had undergone similar experiences. Representing King's College Hospital, he competed in running and swimming, winning a bronze in the swimming. Following his first British Games, Jon became a regular competitor. He entered the badminton competition for the first time in 2003 and, even though he had never played before, he won silver. Recognising his natural aptitude for the game Jon began training once a week at the Dorchester Top Flight Badminton Club and won gold at the 2004 British Games.

From 2005 Jon has been a regular competitor at the World Transplant Games, winning two golds and a silver at the 2005 games in Canada and



competing in Australia, Sweden and South Africa. This year Jon has come back from an ankle injury sustained in 2015 and will be representing Team GB at the World Transplant Games 2017 in Malaga. He is also the badminton coordinator for Transplant Sport UK, organising the team of over 50 Team GB athletes who will be taking part in the badminton competition this year.

Jon explained: "My aim when competing in every games has been to promote the amazing benefits of organ donation and to highlight the urgent need for more people to sign up to the Organ Donor Register.

"When asked, the overwhelming majority of people are in favour of organ donation but many do not sign up to the register or let their loved-ones know of their wishes. I cannot put into words how grateful I am to my donor and their family; without them I would not be here today."

All competitors at the games are self-funding. Registration costs £900, in addition to the costs of training, flights, equipment and attending team



meetings.

Jon said: "It is only through the generosity of others that I have been able to attend the games and spread the word about organ donation. Huge thanks are due to the Top Flight Badminton Club in Dorchester for their fundraising event in January and to the DCH Players for donating half the proceeds of the 2017 DCH Show to my fundraising campaign."



More information on the World Transplant Games Federation can be found at www.wtgf.org and visit www.transplantsport.org.uk for information on Transplant Sport UK.

To register on the NHS Organ Donor Register, please telephone 0300 123 23 23, text SAVE to 62323 or go to www.organdonation.nhs.uk to register online.

To read more about Jon's story and to support him, please visit www.justgiving.com/fox2017.

Staff fundraisers

5p Challenge

Abi Orchard, Lead Cancer Nurse has launched the 5p challenge. Abi is aiming to collect enough 5ps to cover one mile – this will bring in over £4,500 for the Cancer Appeal. Please save up your 5p pieces and bring them to Abi Orchard on Fortuneswell Ward, or contact the Charity Office to arrange your donation to the challenge.

Radiotherapy Unit hoardings

Further information about the Cancer Appeal and the Robert White Radiotherapy Unit will shortly be going up on the hoardings around the radiotherapy building site on Bridport Road, including details about our new 'Buy a Brick' campaign and how to support the appeal by sending a donation by text.

The DCH Charity team would like to thank everyone who has already supported the Cancer Appeal and looks forward to hearing from anyone who would like to become involved over the coming months.



For further information on how you can help, or for fundraising ideas, please contact the DCH Charity team on 01305 253215 or 01305 253424.

Clinical Services Review update

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) would like to thank everyone who took part in the public consultation on proposals developed under the Clinical Services Review, which took place between 1 December 2016 and 28 February 2017.

During the consultation thousands of people had their say on proposals for specific roles for hospitals in Poole and Bournemouth, as well as community services and the redistribution of beds in the county. Under the proposals Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester would be largely the same as it is now.

As of midnight on 28 February, over 12,000 questionnaires had been submitted, however this number is expected to rise as the total number of responses is counted.

In addition, over 1,000 people took part in telephone surveys and focus groups held by Opinion Research Services (ORS).

Around 1,800 people attended 16 drop-in events, with hundreds more taking the opportunity to speak to the team at 25 pop-up events across the county.

The CSR team also answered over 560 queries and concerns from members of the public and organisations.

What happens next?

Over the coming months Opinion Research Services (ORS) will analyse the views and information gathered during the public consultation to produce a report, which the CCG expect to publish by summer 2017.

This report will inform the final business case, which will be presented to the CCG's Governing Body in late 2017 to assist them in the decision making process. The information in the report will be fully and thoroughly deliberated by the Governing Body before it makes its decisions, which will then be widely publicised.

During this time updates will be given via www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk, the local media and other networks, for example the Health Involvement Network and Patient Participation Groups.

Our response to the CSR

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust supports the Clinical Services Review case for change and encouraged the public, patients and our staff to respond to the consultation. The professional views of our staff were also sought to feed into a formal Trust response.

The NHS is facing rising and unsustainable costs to meet increasing demand, while trying to improve the quality and consistency of care and health outcomes. The CSR offers an opportunity to ensure the people of Dorset continue to receive safe and high quality health services. We support this approach to change which has been driven by evidence, clinical leadership and practicality.

We welcome the proposed designation for Dorset County Hospital as the 'planned care and emergency hospital with 24/7 A&E' as we believe this is best for our local population. This means we will continue to provide the district general hospital services we currently deliver to our patients under the CSR proposals.

However, this proposed designation would not mean 'no



change' at DCH. Our own strategy is clear that rising demand on our services coupled with stretched resources mean we cannot carry on doing things the way we have always done.

Regarding the options for paediatrics and maternity, our preferred solution for providing a sustainable and safe service for women and children is to work with Yeovil District Hospital. The CSR is an opportunity to ensure these services are organised in the most sustainable way for the future which best meets the needs of the local population. A collaboration between DCH and YDH has long been viewed as a desirable outcome by clinicians at DCH. Our consultant paediatricians and obstetricians will continue to work with their colleagues in Yeovil on the best possible solution for the local population.

In terms of the options for the siting of the major emergency centre in the east of the county we believe both options are possible. We accept the CCG's preferred option regarding the location of the Major Emergency Hospital due to the analysis and evaluation showing Option B as a more accessible and affordable option.

We fully welcome the proposed move to more joined up services. We are already working closely with our community care and primary care partners and look forward to taking the opportunity to further strengthen those links.

Following the outcome of the consultation we look forward to working with the CCG to ensure any future service changes proposed are both safe and sustainable and that the focus of CCG investment in the east and in community services does not adversely impact services provided to patients in the west of the county.



You can read the Trust's full response to the CSR questionnaire at www.dchft.nhs.uk/about/Pages/Dorset-Clinical-Services-Review.aspx

National recognition for FREEDOM course

It was great to see our staff recognised in the Jan/Feb 2017 edition of *Balance*, the regular magazine of the national charity Diabetes UK.

The star letter from Paul Bennett read: "I have been an insulin-dependent diabetic for 57 years now, and I would highly recommend the food course, which is run by Dorset County Hospital. It's an education course for people with Type 1 diabetes, and was the first time I accessed in-depth tuition to help me control my diabetes.

"The course focused on how to adjust your insulin daily, and the importance of accurate carbohydrate counting. It allowed me to revisit lots of information I already knew, but also brought to light many things I was not aware of at all! For example, I didn't realise that I shouldn't be eating fatty carbohydrates, like chocolate, to counter a low! I wasn't aware that fat slows the absorption of sugar, so it's Jelly Babies for me now, instead!

"As always, it was good to have discussions with other diabetics on the course. We were able to share and compare

our stories, and it was reaffirming to hear how other people had tackled their issues. And, for once, we were not threatened with the horrible complications of diabetes, but, instead, were advised to achieve better control in a sensitive, positive way.

"If your area does not provide such a course, please request it. The expense saved through better control of diabetes will surely balance out the expense of running a course."

Isabel Hooley, Chief Dietitian at the hospital said: "This is a great accolade for DCH and in particular for Sandra Hood and Agnieszka Graja, the Diabetes Specialist Dietitian and Diabetes Specialist Nurse who ran the FREEDOM structured education sessions which are the subject of the letter. Well done to Sandra and Agnieszka for being so deserving of such praise."

Attendance on the FREEDOM course is by referral only. Patients who are interested in attending should ask their GP or health practitioner for a referral to the diabetes team.

Dorset's hospitals working together

Dorset's three acute hospitals are working together more closely than ever before to make the most of local NHS resources as part of NHS England's national 'Vanguard' initiative.

Fifty Vanguards were selected from across the country to take a lead on the development of new care models which will act as the blueprints for the NHS moving forward and the inspiration to the rest of the health and care system.

The 'Developing One NHS in Dorset' Vanguard is a collaboration between Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and The Royal Bournemouth and

Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The work will feed into Dorset's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) – a partnership of NHS organisations and local councils set up to develop proposals to make improvements to health and care, built around the needs of local people.

Ten Vanguard workstreams have been established to explore ways of hospitals working better together to share expertise and resources and provide high quality, sustainable services for the people of Dorset. The workstreams are looking at different patient and support services – stroke, ophthalmology, women's health,



Developing One NHS in Dorset

Acute Care Collaboration Vanguard

paediatrics, cardiology, non-surgical cancer, pathology, radiology, health informatics and business support services.

 You can find out more and keep up to date with developments via the Vanguard's web pages at www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/aboutus/vanguard.htm and Twitter feed @OneNHSinDorset. You can also contact the Vanguard team on 01202 263219 or email OneNHSinDorset@poole.nhs.uk

Patient records to go digital

Our Digital Patient Record (DPR) programme is working towards making paper patient records a thing of the past.

The aim is to make health records available digitally to clinicians wherever they are to ensure they always have the latest information about their patients to hand.

The programme will provide a single point of access to the existing clinical information that is held on our main patient systems within the hospital. This includes clinic letters, discharge summaries, results and clinical observations and will extend to medications as a further development. The DPR will be fully mobile enabled to ensure that access to clinical information is available at the point of care. In addition the DPR will enable access to the paper based health record as we start the process of scanning records ahead of outpatient attendances and elective inpatient admissions over the course of this year, with records for emergency admissions scanned on discharge.

Clinicians across different disciplines, including consultants, junior doctors, nursing staff, therapists and patient administration staff have been involved in the design of the DPR to ensure that it is as clinically effective and intuitive as possible. The DPR will continue to develop over the next few years in line with the Trust's clinical priorities by adding additional features and functions and access to further existing systems, such as the new endoscopy system.

We will also be introducing the ability to record new clinical information within the DPR through the use of electronic forms and associated workflow. The Trust will be able to develop our own eForms using the latest eForms technology that will support different ways of entering data including electronic signatures, voice recognition, annotations and drawing capabilities. The first eForms to be provided will include patient consent forms for some procedures, outpatient noting and therapy assessment forms amongst others.

The DPR programme also involves working with clinical teams to develop new ways of working that are enabled by the new digital patient record. The 'user-led design' approach to providing the DPR gives the Trust the ability to align clinical systems to more effective ways of working as well as adapting to changes in the way we provide some services.

During the next 12 months we will also be working with Royal Bournemouth and Poole Hospitals to start the process of sharing data across hospitals to support the Dorset Acute Care Vanguard initiative specifically.

The DPR is an important development for Dorset County Hospital for both staff and patients. We hope that by working closely with clinicians the DPR will contribute to safer, more efficient care processes as a result of a more unified approach to clinical systems.

Members' Events

All members are welcome at our forthcoming Talking about... members' events. Please do bring along friends and family who can join on the day. There will be the opportunity to meet other members, Governors and staff. These events are free and refreshments are available. For more information please call **01305 255419** or email foundation@dchft.nhs.uk.

Talking about... Trauma and Orthopaedics

Friday 31 March 2017: 10.30am

Lecture Theatre, Education Centre, East Wing, Dorset County Hospital

Mr Nick Savva, consultant surgeon, will be talking about the work of the Trauma and Orthopaedic service.

Talking about... Colorectal surgery

Wednesday 24 May 2017: 10.30am

Lecture Theatre, Education Centre, East Wing, Dorset County Hospital

Mr Michael Lamparelli, consultant surgeon, will be talking about the work of the Colorectal service.

Talking about... PICC lines

Tuesday 25 July 2017: 10.30am

Lecture Theatre, Education Centre, East Wing, Dorset County Hospital

Toni Jenkins will be talking about her role as a Physician's Assistant and her work with Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICC lines).

Become a governor

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Newly elected governors will be required to take up their positions from 1 June 2017. They will become part of a team of 16 elected public governors, four elected staff governors and eight appointed governors.

The election process is straightforward and there is support available should you require it from both UK-Engage, who are running the election, and the Trust Secretary's department at the hospital. New governors will receive an induction and ongoing training and support.



To get your nomination pack please contact Chloe Beresford at UK Engage on **0345 209 3770** or email dorsetcounty@uk-engage.org

Alternatively you can download nomination form from: www.uk-engage.org/dorsetcounty

For further information on the role of governors, please contact Lindsey Perryman, Trust Secretary on **01305 253295** or email lindsey.perryman@dchft.nhs.uk

The deadline for receipt of nominations **Tuesday 6 April 2017**.

All members in constituencies where elections are taking place will have the opportunity to vote for a governor representative. All members eligible to vote will receive notification of the elections by post or email.

Public Meetings

Members and members of the public are welcome to attend quarterly Council of Governors' meetings and bi-monthly Board of Directors' meetings at the hospital.

Meeting dates and papers can be found on our website www.dchft.nhs.uk or contact the corporate support team on **01305 255419** or email foundation@dchft.nhs.uk for further information.

Your Council of Governors

The Council of Governors represents the views and comments of the membership, and therefore plays an important part in ensuring decisions made by the Trust are in the best interests of the community and patients.

Public Governors

West Dorset

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- **Les Fry** contact via membership office
- **Jane Holdaway** holdawayj@sky.com
- **David Tett** 01308 425070 email via membership office

Weymouth and Portland

- **Edward Gibbs** edward.gibbs18@gmail.com
- **Michel Hooper-Immins** 01305 779705 hooperimmins@btopenworld.com
- **Andy Hutchings** 01305 784332 a.hutchings265@btinternet.com
- **Sharon Waight** contact via membership office

East Dorset

- **Peter Coghlan** pwcoghlan@yahoo.co.uk

North Dorset

- **Christine McGee** contact via membership office

Staff Governors

- **Duncan Farquhar-Thomson** (Lead Governor)
- **Piet Bakker**
- **Ron Martin**

Appointed Governors

- **Peter Wood**, Age UK Dorchester
- **Annette Kent**, Friends of DCH
- **Dr Jenny Bubb**, Dorset CCG
- **Ian Gardner**, Dorset County Council
- **Davina Smith**, Weldmar Hospicecare
- **Paul Bithell**, Dorset Kidney Fund



For more information on membership or to make contact with the Governor for your constituency please call the membership office on **01305 255419** or email foundation@dchft.nhs.uk.