

The DCH way

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Patients rate DCH as one of the best

Dorset County Hospital is in the top 15 trusts in the country according to the results of the latest national inpatient survey.

The results were published as nursing staff gear up to celebrate International Nurses' Day on 12 May 2018, Florence Nightingale's birthday.

The annual survey asks inpatients about all aspects of their stay in hospital, from admission to leaving. DCH scored significantly better than the national average in 15 areas, with positive feedback about nursing staff particularly strong. Three out of the five questions about nursing scored significantly better than the national average.

DCH nurses were praised for giving clear answers to questions, inspiring confidence and trust, and not talking in front of patients as if they weren't there. There were also high scores for the cleanliness of wards, hospital food and patients being treated with dignity and respect.

DCH's Director of Nursing and Quality Nicky Lucey said: "We are really pleased with the survey results, which reflect the amazing care our nursing teams and staff throughout the hospital provide every day.

"As always, we never get complacent and we will be looking at any areas for improvement highlighted by the survey results and taking swift action.

"Nurses' Day is a great opportunity to take some time to reflect on what it means to be a nurse today and how it has changed as a profession over the years. Our nursing staff work incredibly hard in a challenging environment and I'm immensely proud of what they achieve in order to provide the very best service possible to our patients."



Nursing staff gather in Dorset County Hospital's Education Centre to celebrate Nurses' Day.

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Welcome

...to the latest edition of our newsletter for public and staff members of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.



If you have any comments on this edition of The DCH Way or would like to contribute something for a future edition please contact the communications team on **01305 254683** or **communications@dchft.nhs.uk**



Dementia Action Week

A week of raising awareness about dementia care was kicked off with a visit from Weymouth's very own The Voice star Lauren Bannon. Lauren very kindly took time out from her busy schedule to help raise money for dementia friendly initiatives in the hospital by offering selfies or autographs for a donation. Well done to our brilliant dementia specialist practitioner Vikki Tweedy for pulling together a fantastic, informative week.



Dementia specialist Vikki Tweedy with The Voice star Lauren Bannon.

Outstanding care for people in ways which matter to them

Our mission at Dorset County Hospital is to provide outstanding care for people in ways which matter to them.

Our Trust Strategy outlines how we will ensure we can deliver outstanding services every day in the years ahead. Working with our health and social care partners, we want to be at the heart of improving the wellbeing of our communities.

We want to see local health and social care services joined up, putting patients at the heart of everything we do. We also want to empower our staff so they have the skills and resources they need to provide the best care possible in the most effective and efficient way.



Find out more about our Trust Strategy and plans for the future on our website **www.dchft.nhs.uk** or the staff intranet StaffNet.



Top Hospitals award winner

We were delighted to win another CHKS Top Hospitals award for 2018, a prestigious award made on the basis of a wide range of measures, including quality of care and patient safety. Over 20 indicators of performance were analysed by healthcare improvement specialists CHKS, considering all trusts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Niall Dickson, chief executive of the NHS Confederation, which represents organisations across the healthcare system, said: "The NHS across the UK is doing great things. Too often we dwell on the challenges – and there are plenty – but the CHKS Top Hospitals awards recognise and celebrate the great strides that are being made to improve the quality and safety of care patients receive. These awards have become hugely respected not least because they are based on objective data. They offer a great way for hospitals to benchmark their activity and share ideas and best practice."



Pictured receiving the award on behalf of Dorset County Hospital are, from left, Estates Programme Manager Anthony Brewis, Diabetes Nurse Specialist Agnes Graja, Senior Midwife Linda Deadman and Head of Workforce Resourcing Ikram Qureshi.

Our wonderful award winning staff

IBD nurse wins national award for excellence

We are hugely proud of our Lead Inflammatory Bowel Disease Nurse Pearl Avery who has won a prestigious national award for going above and beyond for her patients and service.

Pearl received the Gastrointestinal/IBD Nurse of the Year award at the 2018 British Journal of Nursing Awards.

The annual awards showcase nursing excellence, recognising and celebrating individuals who put patient care at the heart of their role, inspire others and drive the profession.

Pearl was nominated for striving to provide the best care possible for patients in her local service and pioneering a new patient management system which has earned national recognition.

Her nomination read: "Pearl always put the patient first and inspires others to do the same, while being passionate about working towards an efficient and sustainable health service. She regularly goes above and beyond to see that patients receive the care they need in a timely fashion. She is always looking to the future, aiming to keep the service fresh and fit for the needs of the patient. One of her ideals is that just because we are a district general hospital it doesn't mean we cannot be innovative."

Pearl said she was honoured to receive the award and paid tribute to her colleagues: "It is wonderful to be recognised for work that you absolutely love and a national award like this is incredible. I am aware I am only as good as the team around me and I feel this is as much their award as it is mine."



DCH Lead Inflammatory Bowel Disease Nurse Pearl Avery with her British Journal of Nursing Award.

Midwife of the year

DCH homebirth midwife Ali Fuszard was the deserving winner of this year's Emma's Diary Mums' Midwife of the Year for the South of England region. The award is one of the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Annual Midwifery Awards, recognising the incredible work done by exceptional midwives across the country.

Ali was nominated by mum Charlene Willoughby who greatly valued the support she received to have a home birth: "Ali empowered me so much during my pregnancy. She supported my partner, my toddler and myself and enabled us to have the home water birth we dreamed of. I was free to contact her with any questions or concerns and she always provided the reassurance I needed. Ali respected all my wishes when it came to our home birth plan and I cannot praise her care enough. She's an amazing woman and is part of an amazing team."

Ali believes the continuity of midwifery care is key to women feeling confident and supported through pregnancy and beyond. On winning the award she added: "The news that I'd been chosen as the regional winner of the Emma's Diary Mum's Midwife of the Year

came as a complete surprise! I'd no idea that I had even been nominated, so to discover that Charlene had taken the time to do that was just lovely. Working in partnership with women and families to support their choices and ensure they are safely cared for is all part of being a midwife, but really getting to know people through providing continuity of care is what enables me to do my job well.

"I'm very fortunate to be able to work in this way as part of Dorset County Hospital's Cygnet Homebirth Team, alongside wonderful colleagues. To be truthful, it's a real pleasure to watch women's confidence grow and families flourish so I'm slightly embarrassed to receive an award for doing something I love, however the fact that it has come directly from a woman I've cared for makes it very special indeed."



Award winning midwife Ali Fuszard with mum Charlene and baby Caitlyn.

Dorset takes top prize in NHS research awards

An NHS research study looking into the rehabilitation of knee replacement patients across Dorset won a prestigious award, thanks to the collaborative work of Dorset County Hospital and Dorset HealthCare.

NHS research teams from the two organisations were presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award at a ceremony hosted by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) Wessex last week.

Dorset County Hospital and Dorset HealthCare developed a groundbreaking way of running a study together which has proved extremely successful.

The CORKA trial – COMMunity based Rehabilitation after Knee Arthroplasty – compared hospital based rehabilitation with rehab in patients' own homes and is a national trial led by Oxford University.

Dr Zoe Sheppard, DCH Head of Research, said: "I am absolutely delighted that the CORKA Team won the special award of the night to recognise all their hard work."

"The collaboration with Dorset HealthCare has indeed been an 'outstanding achievement' and I hope that it is the beginning of many more fruitful collaborations. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved."



The CORKA research teams from Dorset County Hospital and Dorset HealthCare celebrate their success at the NIHR CRN Wessex awards ceremony.

DCH Charity news



The Cancer Appeal.

Cancer Appeal Update

The Cancer Appeal being run by Dorset County Hospital Charity has reached 90% of its target of £1.75 million. The Charity is funding a new Cancer and Haematology Outpatients Department which is being built on top of the new Radiotherapy Unit at Dorset County Hospital.

70km Challenge

Run, walk, cycle or swim 70km in July to raise funds and celebrate the 70th Birthday of the NHS.

Take part in the 70km Challenge on your own or with friends, family or colleagues. Use a combination of methods to reach your 70km – you can make up the distance in larger blocks or build it up daily at work or while out and about – the only rule is that you must complete the distance during July this year.

Registration is free and the Charity is encouraging participants to raise a minimum of £50 each for the ward, department of fund of your choice, or for the Cancer Appeal. When you have completed your 70km Challenge you can email the Charity with proof of your completion to receive your exclusive Challenge Hero medal and certificate.

Contact the Charity Team for a Registration Pack on charity@dchft.nhs.uk



Staff Fundraising

Staff fundraising for the Cancer Appeal continues with many staff members taking part in fundraising activities. Special mention should go to Catherine Aberly-Williams, shown here with Fiona Bacon from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue. They both ran the London Marathon on behalf of the Charity and have so far raised over £7,000 for the Cancer Appeal.



Buckham Fair

Martin and Philippa Clunes have announced the details of the 2018 Buckham Fair which this year is supporting the Cancer Appeal. The event takes place on Sunday 19 August and it's set to be the best yet with a host of new events and special displays.

For more information visit buckhamfair.co.uk



Dorset County Hospital Charity NHS70 Activities

Dorset County Hospital Charity NHS Big 7Tea Campaign

The Charity is encouraging staff, the business community and members of the public to organise tea parties over the next few months and fundraise for the Hospital. The Charity will help promote these events and provide marketing materials and support.

Dorchester Agricultural Society fundraising event

Dorchester Agricultural Society are organising a major fundraising event on behalf of the Cancer Appeal in the run up to Dorset County Show. An Auction of Promises with live music will take place on Wednesday 29 August at 7.30pm in the Members' Pavilion, Dorchester Showground. For further information and tickets please contact Dorset County Show office on 01305 264249 or competitions@dorsetcountyshow.co.uk

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Dorset County Hospital Charity: 70km Challenge

The Charity is organising a 70km Challenge event during July 2018, encouraging people to walk, run, swim or cycle (or a combination of these) a distance of 70km during the month.



If you would like to support the Appeal or for fundraising ideas, please contact the DCH Charity team:

01305 253215

charity@dchft.nhs.uk

www.dchft.nhs.uk/charity

[facebook.com/DCHcharity](https://www.facebook.com/DCHcharity)

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Williams Avenue, Dorchester,
Dorset DT1 2JY

Registered Charity Number 1056479

Staff and volunteers honoured at GEM and Long Service Awards

Dorset County Hospital staff and volunteers received well deserved recognition for their hard work and dedication at our 2018 GEM and Long Service Awards.

The awards are presented annually to people who have made an outstanding contribution to the hospital – Going the Extra Mile – and to those who have achieved 25 years of NHS service.

Colleagues, patients and relatives were asked to nominate hospital staff and volunteers for a number of awards to honour those who have gone over and above what is expected to make a difference to people's lives.

The winners received their awards from Trust Chairman Mark Addison, Chief Executive Patricia Miller and executive

directors at a presentation ceremony held at Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy. Guests also enjoyed performances from members of the DCH Players.

Trust Chairman Mark Addison said: "These awards give us a chance to stop and think about the extraordinary work our staff and volunteers do to give our patients the excellent care that we all take such pride in.

"We are so lucky that we have such talented and dedicated teams at the hospital and it is a real pleasure to recognise and celebrate what they have done."

The awards panel had a very difficult job choosing the winners this year from so many great nominees."

The winners and runners-up are listed below:

Patient Safety Award

Winner: Sarah Sedgbeer, Emergency Department Junior Sister

Runner-up: Nicola Green, Orthotist; Resuscitation Team

Innovation Award

Winner: Dr James Richards and Acute Hospital at Home Team

Runners-up: Nicola Green, Orthotist; Resuscitation Team

Volunteer Award

Winners: Rose Stone, Lead Volunteer Guide

Runner-up: Fortuneswell Cancer Trust

Student/Apprentice of the Year

Winner: Paula Russ, Senior Radiology Assistant

Runners-up: Kayleigh Warren, Student Nurse; Megan Lane, Cardiology Modern Apprentice

Team of the Year

Winner: Discharge Team

Runners-up: Clinical Site Managers; Critical Care Outreach Team

Leadership Award

Winner: Wendy Woodland, Lead Discharge Facilitator

Runners-up: Vicky Melville, Divisional Head of Nursing and Quality; Yannis Kotsiopoulos, Head of Business Intelligence

Charity Fundraiser of the Year

Winner: Abigail Orchard, Lead Cancer Nurse

Runners-up: Medical and Surgical Outpatients Team; Sophie Claxton, Day Surgery Staff Nurse

Chairman's Award

Winner: Ann Woodruff, Emergency Department Senior Healthcare Assistant

Runners-up: Becky Vass, Workforce Administrator; Dr David Markham, Emergency Department Consultant

Lifetime Achievement Award

Winner: Mr Hugh Bellis, Orthodontics Consultant

Runners-up: Jessica Dowell, Critical Care Junior Sister; Paul Andrews, Deputy Facilities Manager



The Discharge Team, winners of the Team of the Year Award, and runners-up the Clinical Site Managers and Critical Care Outreach Team.



Recipients of this year's Long Service Awards for 25 years of service to the NHS.

Long Service Awards recipients

- Alison Alexander
- Sally Barnes
- Kathleen Beaven
- Tracey Blandamer
- Keith Butterfield
- Allison Crabbe
- Christine Chutter
- Gina Gale
- Penny Gale
- Susan Guy
- Patricia Hastie
- Tessa Hellin
- Carol Hoar
- Emma Hoyle
- Janet Johns
- Elaine Kellaway
- Louise King
- Julie Lane
- Dwywnwen Miller
- Elaine Naylor
- Stephen Peaty
- Andrea Podmore
- Bridget Phillips
- Allison Tate
- Jacqueline Tiller
- Sharon Titterington
- Nicola Shapland
- Karen Valpied
- Allan Vincent
- Kevin Ward
- Simon Winterton

New specialised surgery for DCH cancer patients

We are delighted to have been chosen as one of five pilot training sites for an enhanced operating technique for patients with rectal cancer.

Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision (TaTME) is a different approach to an existing operation, using a laparoscopic (key hole) technique to operate on patients with rectal cancer, reducing the length of the surgery and potentially improving cancer survival rates for patients.

The technique has been used by pioneering surgeons since 2010. Under a new training programme organised by the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI) these surgeons are now training others in the technique.

The ACPGBI asked for applications from hospitals that wanted to be pilot training sites – of the 29 hospitals expressing an interest, just five were successful, including Dorset County Hospital.

DCH Consultant Laparoscopic and Colorectal Surgeon Mr Anjay Talwar said: “We are very proud that the ACPGBI have recognised the excellent work we are already performing at the hospital in relation to rectal cancer operations, and we are excited to be bringing this pioneering procedure to our patients.



Mr Anjay Talwar, Consultant Laparoscopic General and Colorectal Surgeon at DCH

“The team has already attended a two day ‘skills lab’ training session, and under the pilot training programme we will have clinical mentorship throughout the initial cases and will submit data on our clinical results to the ACPGBI.”

The hospital would like to thank the Friends of Dorset County Hospital who have recognised the importance of this programme and generously donated over £27,000 to fund two pieces of equipment that experts regard as essential to this form of surgery.

New scanner brings benefits for patients

Our new Vertec DXA scanner and team were centre stage for a photoshoot for Rad Magazine to highlight this great piece of hi-tech equipment. DXA scans are performed to assess bone mineral density and assess for osteoporosis. The new scanner means we can offer patients faster scans, plus it has additional capabilities so we can do a lateral assessment of the spine to look for vertebral fractures at the same time if required, saving patients a separate spine x-ray – a more efficient process and less radiation for the patient, a fantastic service improvement.



Groundbreaking thumb surgery trial

Dorset County Hospital has been chosen as one of just four hospitals in the UK to take part in the trial of an innovative new surgical procedure for patients with osteoarthritis of the thumb joint.

DCH places a strong emphasis on getting involved in research opportunities for the benefit of patients. The GRIP 2 clinical study will evaluate the effectiveness of a synthetic cartilage implant for the treatment of thumb joint osteoarthritis pain.

The traditional surgical procedure involves taking out a bone from the joint. The new procedure involves inserting an implant to resurface the joint instead. The Cartiva implant is a hydrated polymer that is designed to mimic the properties of natural cartilage.

DCH consultant orthopaedic surgeon Tim Crook, who will be performing the groundbreaking procedure, said: “This trial offers patients with pain at the base of their thumb the option of a more conservative and anatomical operation. This innovative new procedure preserves bone and maintains strength in the thumb. It is hoped that the natural joint structure can be restored in order to relieve pain and provide normal function and a faster return to normal activity.”

 You can find out more about the trial from our Research and Innovation Team on **01305 253356** or visit www.gripstudy.com



Orthopaedic surgeon Tim Crook, third from left, with the DCH GRIP 2 clinical trial team.

Anaesthetic team celebrate high standards of patient care

Our anaesthetic department has been recognised for providing the highest quality care to local patients with the prestigious Anaesthesia Clinical Services Accreditation (ACSA) from the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA).

ACSA is the RCoA's peer-reviewed scheme which promotes quality improvement and the highest standards of anaesthetic service. To receive accreditation, departments are expected to demonstrate a high standard in areas such as patient experience, patient safety and clinical leadership.

Dr Jonathan Chambers, Consultant Anaesthetist and ACSA lead at the Dorset County Hospital, said: "Working through the ACSA process has been a positive experience for our whole department. It has enabled us to ensure that the high quality anaesthetic service developed over many years, by colleagues past and present, remains safe, efficient and patient-centred.

"We are proud to receive the ACSA recognition. The process of peer review and external scrutiny has provided the platform for our multidisciplinary theatre team to demonstrate their commitment to delivering high standards of care. We look forward to our continued engagement with the accreditation process."

Dr Liam Brennan, President of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, said: "Patient safety is at the heart of ACSA, and the achievement and maintenance of ACSA's robust standards encourage departments to constantly improve the care they provide. I would like to personally congratulate the anaesthetists at Dorset County Hospital for their commitment to providing the best possible care for their patients."



Staff rank DCH highly for career progression and support

Dorset County Hospital is in the top 20% of all acute trusts for providing equal opportunities for career progression as well as recognition and value of staff and support from managers, according to the latest staff survey results.

The annual NHS National Staff Survey collects views about what it is like working at DCH and the results are used to review and improve aspects of staff's working lives. DCH was ranked in the top 20% of acute hospitals or above average for over half (17 out of 32) of the key findings.

Other highlights included low levels of work-related stress and discrimination (with both results in the best 20% of acute trusts); an increase in the number of annual appraisals being conducted and an increase in staff satisfaction with opportunities for flexible working patterns.

DCH also ranked better than average in areas including:

- Recommending the hospital as a place to work or receive treatment;
- Staff satisfaction with level of responsibility and involvement;
- Effective team working
- Effective use of patient/service user feedback;
- Staff not feeling under pressure to come to work when ill;
- Organisational and management interest in and action on health and wellbeing;

Areas where DCH was ranked less well compared to the national average include the quality of non-mandatory training and staff confidence to report unsafe clinical practice.

Chief Executive of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Patricia Miller said: "I am pleased with the results overall and particularly heartened that staff feel supported by managers and view DCH as a place they can progress their career. The staff survey provides us with some hugely valuable feedback and we will now focus on areas where staff have told us we need to improve."

DCH joins #endPJparalysis campaign

Dorset County Hospital has launched an initiative to encourage patients to 'get up, get dressed and be active' while in hospital.

Patients who are medically able are being encouraged to get up and get dressed during the day as part of the #endPJparalysis campaign which is spreading across the globe. Research has shown that by supporting patients to wear their day clothes when in hospital they can recover more quickly, find it easier to maintain a normal routine and are able to return home sooner.

Kirsty Lee, occupational therapist and project lead for the initiative at DCH, said: "There has been a lot of work nationally based on

the campaign started by Professor Brian Dolan to 'end PJ paralysis'. The focus of the campaign is that wearing pyjamas or bed clothes in the daytime can slow patients' recovery, and that being inactive can lead to complications such as muscle degeneration and increased lack of mobility.

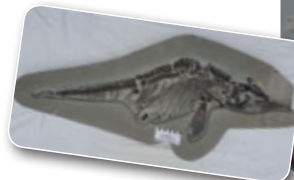
"Get up, get dressed and be active' while in hospital is a simple message but one that could help improve the psychological wellbeing of patients, as well as their physical wellbeing. Staff on the wards will support patients, families and carers with the initiative."



Patients who are attending the hospital for a planned operation are being asked to bring day clothes along with them as well as their bed clothes.

Sparkle checks in for an unusual CT scan

Our CT scanner team had an unusual private patient recently in the form of a fossilised ichthyosaur! Our very own Matt Cape, resus and simulation technician, discovered the impressive 200 million year old specimen whilst fossil hunting on Dorset's Jurassic Coast near Lyme Regis. Lead CT Radiographer Simon Jones captured an incredibly detailed scan which shows further bones not otherwise visible and indicates that further work can be done to expose more. The DCH dino has been nicknamed 'Sparkle'!



Fossil hunter Matt Cape with Lead CT Radiographer Simon Jones and the scan of Sparkle.



Members' events

Thank you to all the members who attended our recent **Talking about... Research and Innovation event at the hospital.**

Our next **Talking about...** event will be held in the autumn. These free events are a great opportunity to meet other members, Governors and staff.

For more information or if there is a topic you would like covered at one of our **Talking about...** sessions please call our membership office on **01305 255419** or email **foundation@dchft.nhs.uk**

Hospital Open Day 2018

Saturday 13 October 2018, 2pm to 4.30pm
Education Centre, East Wing, DCH

We look forward to welcoming our members and members of the public to our annual open day in October. The event will feature department tours, talks, displays and activities for all the family. Full details will be on our website **www.dchft.nhs.uk** nearer the time.

Annual Members' Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11 September 2018, 5.30pm

West Annex Hall (old Damers School Site), Damers Road, DCH

All members and members of the public are welcome to attend our Annual Members' Meeting and Annual General Meeting, to hear about how the hospital performed in 2017/18 and to learn about the hospital's plans for the future. Full details will be on our website **www.dchft.nhs.uk** nearer the time.

Your chance to vote for a Governor representative

Voting has now opened for our 2018 Governor elections.

It was great to have the opportunity to meet prospective candidates at our Governor election information sessions, which we ran in Dorchester, Sherborne and Wimborne throughout early May.

We had lots of interest from members wishing to stand for election. In the West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland constituencies there are more candidates than there are available seats, therefore a ballot is being held. All members in these constituencies have the opportunity to vote. If you are a member who has provided us your email address, you will have received your ballot pack by email. All other members will have received their ballot papers in the post.

Voting in the Governor election is a key benefit of being a hospital member. One of the statutory roles of the Council of Governors is to represent the interests of the

membership and of the public.

The Governor elections are your opportunity to select candidates who you feel will best represent your views.

Completed ballot papers must be returned so that they are received by the Returning Officer no later than 5.00pm on Monday 9 July 2018. If you have not received your ballot paper, or you require a replacement, please contact the Returning Officer using the details below: UK Engage, Image House, 10 Acorn Business Park, Heaton Lane, Stockport SK4 1AS. Tel: 0345 209 3770 Email: **dorsetcounty@uk-engage.org**

The ballot will close on 9 July and the results will be announced on Tuesday 10 July.

Full details and regular updates about the election are available on the Governor Election 2018 page of the hospital website **www.dchft.nhs.uk**



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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

- **Christine Case** contact via membership office
- **David Cove** dhcove@btinternet.com
- **Les Fry** contact via membership office
- **Gavin Maxwell** 01308 456398 email via membership office
- **David Tett** 01308 425070 email via membership office

Weymouth and Portland

- **Margaret Alsop** contact via membership office
- **Andy Hutchings** 01305 784332 a.hutchings265@btinternet.com
- **Dave Stebbing** daves.dchftgov@gmail.com
- **Sharon Waight** contact via membership office

East Dorset

- **Simon Bishop** sjhbishop@aol.com

North Dorset

- **Christine McGee** contact via membership office

Staff Governors

- **Lee Armstrong**
- **Tracey Glen**
- **Tony James**
- **Ron Martin**

Appointed Governors

- **Peter Wood**, Age UK Dorchester
- **Annette Kent/Barbara Purnell**, Friends of DCH
- **Dr Jenny Bubb**, Dorset CCG
- **Kevin Brooks**, 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**.

Staff governor surgeries

Great to see our staff governors at one of their regular surgeries in Damers Restaurant at DCH. They run the sessions to give staff a chance to share their views on issues which matter to them and will take the valuable feedback to the next governors meeting. They would like to thank everyone who took the time to talk to them, much appreciated.



The next surgeries are 11 July and 12 September, 12pm to 2pm.

Staff Governor Lee Armstrong had another good day in the restaurant when he signed up The Voice star Lauren Bannon as a member of the Trust during her recent visit! Read more about Lauren's visit on Page 2.



Public meetings

Members and members of the public are welcome to attend our 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.

