

The

DCH way

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Spectacular event draws in the crowds

Hundreds of people flocked to the hospital to enjoy our first Summer Spectacular.

The event, held on Saturday 6 July 2019, was hailed as an overwhelming success, raising more than £2,500 for the hospital's Chemotherapy Appeal, and other good causes.

The Grand Raffle alone raised £1,000 for the appeal.

Deputy Mayor of Dorchester, David Taylor, officially opened the event with Wessex FM, followed by a spectacular cry from Dorchester Town Crier, Alistair Chisholm.

The day also saw performances from Twirl Academy, Rock Choir, Stagecoach Dorchester and Dorchester Carnival Band.

The afternoon was finished with visitors taking part in Lou Sams' Zumba.

Crowds also enjoyed a variety of games and family-favourite activities as well as a vintage car and bike rally.

Emergency vehicles were also on site, allowing members of the public to take a closer look at the county's emergency services – including West Bay Coastguard, Dorset Police, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, South Western Ambulance and Devon Freewheelers.

The organising committee are hoping to repeat the event in 2020, so watch this space!



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Welcome

...to the latest edition of our newsletter for the 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 email **communications@dchft.nhs.uk**



Unveiling plans for the future of the hospital

We are hoping to expand our Emergency Department (ED) and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) as well as establish an Integrated Care Hub as part of a long-term project to deliver the recommendations of Dorset's Clinical Services Review.

In order to free up space on the hospital site for the development of clinical facilities, we are proposing to build a multi-storey car park to improve parking for patients, visitors and staff.

We are also working in partnership to develop the land we own on the site of the former Damers School and the current Trust Headquarters to raise income to contribute to the cost of the clinical facilities building work.

The development of the Damers/Trust HQ land could include a mix of health and care related facilities and housing.

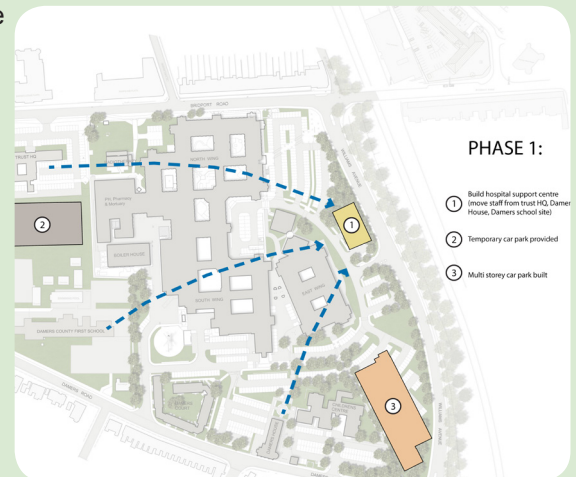
Our Director of Strategy, Transformation and Partnerships Nick Johnson said: "Our Emergency Department now deals with twice as many patients as it was originally designed to cope with. Demand is only going to rise in the future so we need to expand and redesign the department to make it fit for purpose.

"Similarly, our Intensive Care Unit needs to be expanded so we can cope with the increased demand and provide care in the best environment possible.

"Building the multi-storey car park will free up the space we need on our site to expand ED and ICU and create the hub.

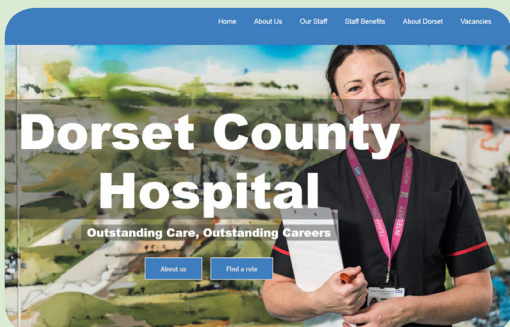
"The Integrated Care Hub will bring staff and services together on site to allow us to get patients home safely in a timely way as well as help avoid unnecessary hospital admissions."

For the latest updates about our site development plans, please visit our website at **www.dchft.nhs.uk**



Phase 1 of the site development would include building a hospital support centre as well as a multi-storey car park

New recruitment microsite is launched



The hospital has launched a new recruitment microsite.

The site is part of the Join Our Dorset initiative, which sees the local NHS Trusts and councils working together to attract new recruits to Health and Social Care.

The aim of the new microsite is to bring together all the information potential employees would need when searching for a new job, and give them a flavour of what DCH can offer them.

The site includes information about our Trust, all our latest vacancies, as well as what the county has to offer as a place to live.

Our communications team worked with Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) digital team to design the website in preparation for its launch at the start of August.

Head of Workforce Resourcing Hilary Harrold said: "We are delighted to have launched our new recruitment microsite.

"We can offer some fantastic career opportunities at our hospital and it's brilliant to be able to reach more people to tell them about all our benefits via our amazing new site.

Communications Officer, Meghan Hindley, added: "We are really grateful for the CCG's support in putting this microsite together. We think the site will be a valuable tool for those looking to work in our hospital and we have already had some fantastic feedback about it."

You can visit our new recruitment site at **joindchft.nhs.uk**

Evening of celebration for staff and volunteers

It was an evening of glam and glitter as our hospital staff and volunteers were recognised for their hard work and dedication at the 2019 GEM and Long Service Awards.

The awards are presented annually to recognise the people who have excelled in the Trust values – 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 evening was held at Kingston Maurward and the winners received their well-deserved awards from Trust Chairman Mark Addison and Chief Executive Patricia Miller alongside other executive directors.

Guests were also treated to a special performance from the DCH Players.



The Estates Team who won the Team of the Year Award

The winners and runners up are listed below:

Chairman's Award

Winner: Dr David Markham

Runners-up: Laura Starr and Lin Smith

Leadership Award

Winner: Lynn Paterson, Sister (Moreton Ward)

Runners-up: Sue O'Kerwin and Abi Orchard

Patient Safety Award

Winners: Dr Duncan Chamblor and Mr Ben Stubbs

Runners-up: Jo Hartley and Supervisory Night Sisters

Innovation Award

Winners: Eleanor Jeram and Susan Farmer (Information)

Runners-up: ED Nurse Practitioners (Majors) and X-Ray E-Requesting Project Team

Lifetime Achievement Award

Winner: Sue Cordner, Staff Nurse

Runners-up: Gail Volney and Barbara Pavey

Student/Apprentice of the Year Award

Winner: Angie Faulkner, Assistant Audiologist

Runners-up: Sophie McCaffrey and Ellie Jowett

Volunteer Award

Winner: Patient Research Ambassadors

Runners-up: Barbara Purnell and Sue Mason (Friends of DCH)

Team of the Year Award

Winner: Estates

Runners-up: Cardiac Cath Lab and Histopathology

Charity Fundraiser of the Year Award

Winner: DCH Players

Runners-up: Catherine Aberly-Williams and Saleem Tajibee



Vanessa Coleberd receives her Long Service Award from the Trust Chairman

Long Service Award recipients

Alex Hillcox-Smith

Alison Fuszard

Alison Burge

Amanda Loader

Andrea Churchill

Annette Saunders

Brian Stalker

Carol Gilbert

Dawn Johnston

Emma Howard

Esme Hastie

Fiona Wotherspoon

Fiona Chalk

Georgina Jessop

Gerrard Phillips

Hazel Thomas

Helen White

Helen Dell

Jacqueline Butler

Janice Robbins

Kathryn Stubbs

Lisa Keegan

Lisa Cosh

Mandy Ford

Nicola Perkins

Peter Taylor

Shelly Haydock

Sue Reed

Teresa Penny

Tracy Allen

Tracy Drage

Vanessa Coleberd

Victoria Lock

Victoria Whitehall

Fantastic initiatives

The Friends of Dorset County Hospital continue to make a vital contribution to our Trust with their ongoing fundraising and support.

Recently, funds raised by the Friends have been used to build a new garage at DCH to house the Blood Bikes service.

The Blood Bikes, which were previously kept at the Fire Station in Poundbury, now have a permanent home at the hospital. This will make it much easier for Dorset's Blood Bikers to access the bikes and transport vital resources as quickly as possible.

A Blood Biker is a highly trained, highly skilled motorcyclist who provides a rapid response courier service carrying urgent medical supplies such as blood, x-rays, samples and drugs between healthcare facilities across the UK.

The service is completely free of charge to the NHS as all the riders are unpaid volunteers. Dorset's Blood Bike service is run by the Yeovil Freewheelers.

The bikes were donated by Blood Bike volunteer Simon Gudgeon and Mark Master Masons.

Chairman of the Friends of DCH Barbara Purnell said: "The Blood Bikes provide a vital service to patients and hospitals in Dorset by transferring blood supplies between locations in emergency situations and having a base here could only be of enormous benefit.

"So when we were approached by Blood Bikes and told of their hopes of setting up a garage at Dorset County Hospital we were delighted to be able to help."



Friends of Dorset County Hospital with the Yeovil Freewheelers outside their new permanent home

Valued volunteer programme continues to expand

It has been a very busy and exciting few months for our volunteers at Dorset County Hospital with recruitment on the rise and the launch of our Young Volunteer Programme.

Volunteers are very much a part of the NHS Long Term Plan and can make a unique and vital contribution to the day-to-day running of our hospital and patient experience.

Since the beginning of the year the Volunteer Support Team have been striving to increase the hospital's volunteer programme, working with teams across the Trust to identify where volunteers can make a difference.

Changes to how volunteers are recruited and trained are being made and more is being done to say thank you for the wonderful and selfless contribution they make. This is achieved through events such as our volunteer tea party held during Volunteers Week in June.

Our Young Volunteer Programme was launched in June as a pilot thanks to funding received from the Pears Foundation following an application to be part of the #iwill Campaign.

Launched in 2013, the #iwill Campaign aims to make social action part of life for as many 10 to 20 year olds as possible by 2020. Over the summer we have seen 15 young volunteers, aged 16 to 20, give up their time to come and volunteer, mainly as Ward Assistants, at DCH and they have been fantastic.

Many are continuing their volunteering with us and we are currently recruiting for our Autumn Young Volunteer Programme.



If you would like to find out more about any of the volunteering opportunities currently available or are interested in being part of our Young Volunteer Programme then get in touch with Louisa or Hannah by emailing volunteering@dchft.nhs.uk or calling 01305 255351.



Dorset County Hospital's young volunteers

What an absolutely spectacular summer



If you would like to get involved in any future events, please email communications@dchft.nhs.uk

DCH Charity news



As a result of the success of the Cancer Appeal, which raised £1,750,000, the hospital now plans to upgrade our existing Chemotherapy Unit in line with the quality of outpatient and radiotherapy services now available in the Robert White Centre.

Working in partnership with the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust, the Chemotherapy Appeal will be funding the complete redesign and refurbishment of the Chemotherapy Unit at Dorset County Hospital, enhancing cancer care for our patients.

The refurbishment of the Chemotherapy Unit will create the best possible environment for patient care, provide space for family and friends during treatment and therefore improve the overall experiences of patients, relatives and carers.

Fran Arnold (pictured right) is a patient at Dorset County Hospital and is a keen fundraiser for our charity.



Speaking about the new appeal, she said: "This is a fantastic project which will make a huge difference to people like me. Unavoidably, when you have chemotherapy treatment it's a very emotional time as everything is unknown.

"It's important to feel you have a choice and can decide what's best for you. When the nurses and your family are able to be by your side you feel encouraged and protected, which helps with your treatment.

"The nursing staff are already outstanding, but the changes the refurbishment will bring will be the icing on the cake - it will make the physical and environmental aspect as good as it can be for people going through a testing experience. Cancer is a reminder that life is short, therefore you have to make the best of every day."

Karen Buckingham, Junior Sister, Fortuneswell Chemotherapy Unit (pictured above left) said: "The new layout will be designed around the needs of all our patients and will help improve their experience. The extra side rooms will also make a big difference to patients on all-day regimes as we know it can be reassuring for them to have their own ensuite facilities.

"We want to make sure the refurbishment creates the best possible environment for the future so that everyone can receive their treatment in the way which suits them best. Some people need or wish to be on their own, but there's companionship in the big room where people often make good friends."



The DCH Charity team

How to support the Chemotherapy Appeal

There are lots of ways you can support the Chemotherapy Appeal. You can make a donation by visiting www.justgiving.com/campaign/ChemotherapyAppeal or alternatively you can contact the charity on **01305 253424** or email charity@dchft.nhs.uk to arrange a direct payment.

Other ways of supporting the appeal include organising a fundraising event with friends or colleagues - for example a cake sale or sponsored run - or you could leave a legacy in your will.

For more information about the Chemotherapy Appeal visit www.dchft.nhs.uk/about/DCH-charity

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Dogs are the best therapy

Meet Crumble and Duffy! They are both registered Pets as Therapy (PAT) dogs who recently joined our Trust as regular visitors.

Crumble and Duffy bring joy, comfort and companionship to our patients on the ward and just make their day that little bit more special.

Crumble is a springador and Duffy is a cockapoo and both dogs visit once a week with their owners Nicola (pictured left) and Sue.

Something as simple as stroking a dog can make a massive difference to our patients, and our staff too.

Crumble and Duffy always brighten our day!



Retired consultant launches paediatric history book

A retired consultant from Dorset County Hospital has published a book recording the development of children's medical services over the past half-century.

Richard Purvis, 78, and originally from East Lothian in Scotland, worked at Dorset County Hospital as a Consultant Paediatrician for 40 years, starting in 1973.

Full of fantastic photos and anecdotes, *A History of Dorchester Paediatrics* records the dramatic development of the children's medical services at DCH and across West Dorset, highlighting the vital contributions made by working alongside fellow professionals in health, education and social services.

Dr Purvis, who was also the Medical Director at DCH – from 1999 to 2003 – has been working for the past two years to put the book together after discussing the idea with fellow consultants.

Dr Purvis said: "I saw enormous changes during my 40 years. Right at the beginning there were no special services for children. So starting from the bottom, we saw the services develop into a highly professional and well-organised system and I am so pleased to have been at the centre of that for so long."

"The first paediatrician was my former colleague David Vulliamy, who was first appointed in 1955. I joined him in 1973 and we started off with very few nurses and very few doctors."

"The first Special Care Baby Unit was in Somerleigh Court, on the old hospital site, and was one of the first in the whole country. This was a massive step."

Dr Purvis added: "When I retired about five years ago, my colleagues thought I should write about the history that I had been such a big part of."

"When I started putting together my notes to build up the picture, it was just such a pleasure – and it went on from there."

Dr Purvis also saw the development of Henchard House on Bridport Road which was used for children with disabilities. It is now used as Trust Headquarters.

Joined by Dr Peter Johnston in 1977, Dr Purvis was able to keep the momentum going, with the development of parent support groups and employing the first Consultant Community Paediatrician, Margaret Barker, in 1985, before the Children's Centre was opened in Damers Road in 1990.

The book is available to buy from our Children's Centre reception on Damers Road or on Ebay.



If anyone would like to give any feedback on the book or contact Dr Purvis, they can email dorchesterpaediatricshistory@yahoo.com



Richard Purvis with his new book, outside the Children's Centre on Damers Road

Members' events

Thank you to all the members who came to our [Talking about...](#) the Digital Patient Record event in May, our amazing Summer Spectacular event and our engagement session regarding our estates masterplan in July. It has been great to see so many of you at these events.

At the time of going to press we are busy getting ready for our Annual General Meeting and Annual Members' Meeting on 16 September with a Staying Well for Winter theme, and we are making plans for events in the autumn and spring – keep an eye on our website for further details.



Lee Armstrong, one of the organisers of the DCH Summer Spectacular, with Chief Executive, Patricia Miller

Governors out and about!

Our West Dorset Governors have been out and about meeting their constituents in Bridport and Dorchester asking 'what matters most to you as a patient?'. Our staff Governors have also been meeting with the hospital staff at their regular bi-monthly stands around the Trust.

These events are a great opportunity to meet with your Governors and to share your feedback about the hospital.

Details of future dates can be found on the members' pages of our website by visiting www.dchft.nhs.uk/members



West Dorset Public Governors Sarah Carney and Gavin Maxwell, with Deputy Trust Secretary Liz Beardsall

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.

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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

Public meetings

Trust 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.

