Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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| Website         | www.dch.org.uk   |

**The Trust and Hospital**

Our busy, modern hospital provides a full range of district general services, including an accident and emergency department, and links with satellite units in five community hospitals.

We are the main provider of acute hospital services to a population of around 210,000, living within Weymouth and Portland, West Dorset, North Dorset and Purbeck. We also provide renal services for patients throughout Dorset and South Somerset - a total population of 850,000.

Our 3,000 staff work in GP surgeries, schools, residential homes and people’s own homes as well as Dorset County Hospital and the community hospitals.

We were awarded Foundation Trust status in June 2007, which has helped us push forward with ambitious plans to expand the services we can offer our patients. New developments include a new endoscopy suite and CT scanner, and additional theatres.
Being a Foundation Trust means that we are in charge of our own finances and strategic development. Although still an NHS hospital, and funded by the local primary care trust (NHS Dorset), we govern ourselves. We are able to reinvest our profits into locally decided services or projects that best suit the needs of our patients.

To make sure these decisions are in the best interests of the community and patients, we have recruited public ‘members’ of the Trust who elect a Council of Governors to fully represent their views and comments. All staff automatically become members of our Foundation Trust.

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<th>Size of Hospital(s)</th>
<th>Dorset County Hospital has approximately 400 beds, seven main theatres and two day theatres. Related services are grouped into three connected wings: North, South and East.</th>
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| No of Foundation Trainees (2010/2011)   | 30 x F1 Trainees  
25 x F2 Trainees |
| Foundation Programmes                   | F1 Year  
- We offer 3 and 4 month rotations within a variety of the core specialties. This is aimed at offering you valuable experiences that will assist you in your future career choice  
F2 Year  
- Programmes consist of 3 month rotations within Gen Med/ENT/Orthopaedics/O & G/Urology/A &E / Paediatrics/ICM & Anaesthetics/GP. These rotations are designed to assist you with your future training applications. |
| Teaching Programme /Educational Sessions | F1 Year  
- One hour of bleep-free teaching on a Tuesday afternoon covering the Foundation Programme Core Curriculum.  
- Teaching sessions on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes in a variety of specialties.  
- Improving Practice - opportunity to devise and carry out projects to improve clinical practice within the hospital. |
### F2 Year
- ALS
- 5 day short attachment e.g. GU medicine, palliative care, anaesthetics, radiology
- 6 away-days at Bournemouth University to develop generic skills.

### Study Leave and Taster Opportunities
- Taster days as above.

### Careers Advice
- Career Leads
  Dr Quick & Dr McConnell
- F1 and F2 trainees will be actively guided to help them make decisions about future career planning, through workshops and one-to-one counselling as necessary.

### Foundation Programme Director
- Dr David Quick
- Consultant Anaesthetist

### Education Centre Facilities
- Library
- Clinical Skills Room
- IT suite
- Lecture Theatre

### Accommodation and Charges
- Single and a limited amount of married accommodation is available. Charges for single accommodation is as follows:
  - F1 - £275.00 per month (inclusive of utility bills & council tax)
  - F2 - £353.00 per month (inclusive of utility bills and council tax)
- Exclusive of Phone & TV Licence

### Staff Restaurant Facilities
- A subsidised restaurant is situated in the North Wing and is open from 7.30am to 7.30pm. There are vending machines sited throughout the hospital for out of hour’s service.
- In addition there is a League of Friends (LOF) café in the South Wing, open from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Monday to Friday, and from 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Saturday and Sunday.
There is also a LOF shop at the North Wing Entrance open from 8.00am until 4.00pm.

### Doctor’s mess

There is a secure central mess where many social events are organised. The facilities of the mess include pool table, computer with internet access, Sky television, and kitchen facilities. Users of the mess are required to pay a small monthly fee deducted from salaries.

### Local Amenities

On site and nearby

There are a number of local gyms. Plus the hospital has a touch rugby team know as the “Dorchester Ducks” as well as football, basketball & badminton teams. Dorchester has one nightclub plus numerous pubs and bars. Mess nights are held every Thursday.

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