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With annual attendances rising steadily year on year (currently approximately 70,000) we face the problem of how to continue to provide the care people need, delivering the best outcomes, with the ultimate aim of becoming independent practitioners.

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We are addressing the local population’s needs in several innovative ways...

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Since my appointment in 2011, this department has undergone a transformation. I am working with enthusiastic and like-minded friends who share a vision for developing a system of emergency care of the highest standard. As a key part of an ambitious Trust, positioned in a beautiful part of the country, the Royal Bournemouth Hospital ED offers the prospect of an enjoyable, balanced, fulfilling and importantly sustainable long-term career. The need to continue to develop and streamline our systems and pathways as the service evolves means there is considerable opportunity to adopt management or educational roles. The Trust’s Board of Directors has acknowledged the ‘front door’ as a priority and continues to invest in our specialty as needs are identified and our attendances rise.

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Emergency Department key features

- Fully equipped resus including:
  - Three oxylog 3000s
  - 3M Ranger high flow fluid warmers
  - New LUCAS 2 external compression device
  - Vygon Bousignac CPAP system
  - Phillips Respironics BiPAP machine
  - Sonosite M-Turbo ultrasound machine with cardiac/vascular and abdominal curvilinear probes.
  - 13-bedded Majors area
  - Two four-bedded observation wards with their own facilities
  - Newly-refurbished Minors area including paediatric assessment area, theatre and plaster room
  - Helipad – located just outside the ED. This is used by local air ambulance services to bring patients to the ED from remote locations and transfer out to tertiary centres as required.
  - Co-located within the ED is a radiology suite with digital imaging facilities.
  - EZ-IO
Striving for excellence in IT

The Emergency Department uses top-of-the-range information systems to assist in tracking our patients, monitoring their wellbeing and ordering and viewing diagnostics.

The main ED IT system is Symphony, which has received a lot of investment over the last few years and is ‘paper light’ with the ability to go paperless when required. All notes are scanned and accessible for historical review and audit.

There is an abundance of computer terminals situated around the ED, and PC’s are regularly checked to ensure they meet clinicians’ satisfaction.

The level of information captured on the ED IT system also facilitates clinical audits and statistics that are exceptionally detailed and accurate.

Our PACS radiology system has recently been upgraded to Carestream Vue.

Information Technology is a passion for this department and it is constantly advancing. Beyond the Emergency Department, VitalPac has been adopted for patient monitoring.

Training facilities at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital are excellent. The Postgraduate Centre includes a large library, full conference facilities and a Simulation Suite with hi-fidelity patient simulation possible using the SimMan 3G, SimJunior and SimBaby units.

We host training days for regional emergency medicine trainees and SAS doctors and run Advanced Life Support courses. There are close links with Southampton University Medical School.

Advancing Emergency Care in Bournemouth
About our hospitals

At the Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch hospitals we have some outstanding services that have been recognised for their excellent clinical outcomes, innovation and patient care. For example, at the time of going to press, did you know that:

• Toshiba has chosen the Royal Bournemouth Hospital (RBH) as the first site for installation of its latest CT scanner – the first of its type in the world.
• We are the main Siemens UK reference site for MRI.
• We are the main Toshiba CT reference site for Europe.
• We have among the lowest mortality rates for major colorectal surgery (statistically within the top 2% of trusts nationwide).
• In orthopaedics we are the third largest joint replacement unit in the UK and one of the largest ligament reconstruction services in the country. We have short lengths of stay and extremely low rates of infection.
• Bournemouth is the regional hub for primary PCI and vascular surgery.
• Our Bournemouth Transplant Unit is JACIE accredited which means we are compliant with several hundred quality standards, all of which strive to ensure that a patient having a stem cell transplant has a safe procedure.
• Our midwifery-led maternity services have full accreditation to the UNICEF Baby Friendly initiative after a four year assessment period (a worldwide programme of the WHO and UNICEF).
• We have a national and international reputation in the field of clinical diabetes.
• We are a British Society of Echocardiography accredited site for teaching and training in surface echocardiography.

The Royal Bournemouth Hospital (RBH) is an acute hospital which opened in 1992. It is recognised locally by its blue roof and is located on a large green field site close to the main roads that link with the New Forest, Southampton, Salisbury, Winchester, Christchurch and Poole.

Christchurch Hospital is located three miles west of the Royal Bournemouth Hospital. It provides a pleasant environment for rehabilitation and a range of outpatient services.

An all-age rehabilitation service has been developed, particularly in the award winning day hospital. Most patients are, however, elderly reflecting the local population. There is an excellent infrastructure to support rehabilitation and occupational therapy facilities.
Life in Bournemouth

The town has been recognised since the 1800’s for its “health resort” qualities and it still features hundreds of pine trees planted at the time, in response to the belief that pine scented air was good for lung conditions.

While it retains that atmosphere of a vibrant, healthy outdoors experience, the town now offers something for everyone and many who move here cannot imagine living anywhere else in England. With its seven miles of golden sandy beaches, many with Blue Flag accreditation for quality, parks and gardens, temperate climate (the annual rainfall is well below the national average) and popular nightlife, Bournemouth attracts a rich mix of professionals, students, creatives and sports enthusiasts.

One of the biggest draws is sport, either using the coastal environment to sail, surf, windsurf, kitesurf and paddleboard, or for enjoying the rich landscape for cycling, walking or hiking in the neighbouring New Forest or picturesque Purbeck.

Bournemouth’s Football Club has also seen significant success in recent years and is upwardly mobile in its newly revamped stadium, just two miles from the Royal Bournemouth Hospital site.

Only 95 minutes by rail direct to London Waterloo and with its own international airport, Bournemouth's relaxed lifestyle is measured with an upbeat and progressive approach to business. The area hosts exciting brands including Sunseeker, Animal, Lush, Mathmos and the globally respected RNLI, all offering dynamic employment prospects and progressive careers in the region.

Education is well provided for with above national average results consistently achieved across the borough’s schools while two universities.

In Tess of the D’Urbervilles, Thomas Hardy affectionately described Bournemouth as ‘a Mediterranean lounging place on the English Channel’.
A safe place to make home

Bournemouth is a melting pot for diversity, culture and opportunity. For many living in the area every day feels like a holiday due to the rich mix of activities, attractions, town-wide events and endless things to do. That blended with the architectural contrast of properties and extensive choice of unique residential locations (all in safe environments), makes Bournemouth for most a privilege to call home.

Dorset is one of the safest counties in the UK to live in. You can view local crime statistics and read more about policing in Dorset at www.dorset.police.uk. We work closely with the local police force on a range of issues.

Property values:

- The average price for properties sold in Bournemouth February 2011 was £177,939, compared to an average of £163,177 in England & Wales. For a detached house in Bournemouth, this increased to £268,862, while for a flat/maisonette the average was £137,878. In relation to the volume of sales, 2,677 properties were sold in Bournemouth during 2010, with flat purchases accounting for 44% of the total sales.

For further information on house prices and to find out more about the local area, please visit: www.bournemouth.gov.uk

On the beach in the morning... advancing emergency care in the afternoon.
Further Information

Vacancies

Please contact us for more information about current and future opportunities at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

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Borough of Poole: www.poole.gov.uk
New Forest National Park: www.thenewforest.co.uk or www.newforestnpa.gov.uk