Fun for all the family at Winchester hospital open day

TAKE a behind-the-scenes tour of an operating theatre, meet a wide range of medical experts, learn how to carry out emergency first aid and much more during an Open Day being held at Royal Hampshire County Hospital.

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will throw open the doors to the hospital, in Romsey Road, Winchester, between 10am and 2pm on Saturday, 18 June.

Former Southampton footballer Dan Harding, who now plays for Eastleigh FC, will officially open the event, with a wide range of attractions available across the hospital.

Collect a map from the outpatients department, where there will also be a wide range of interactive displays available, and choose where you want to go next.

You can take a tour of the old chapel, viewing old artefacts including a lamp used by Florence Nightingale, or enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake with the trust chaplin.

You can watch a demonstration of the way our decontamination tents and suits work, or listen to our experts, who will be giving talks on dementia and nutrition.

You can learn about operating theatres, taking a tour around areas rarely seen by the public, meet our Pets as Therapy dogs, have your picture taken with a motorbike used to transport blood or learn the basics of emergency first aid.

Our play specialists, who usually help and support our young patients, are putting on lots of children’s activities too, where they can learn about x-rays and the anatomy.

Elizabeth Padmore, chairman of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: “It promises to be a fun-packed day, with activities to keep the whole family entertained.

“It’s a great chance for the public to get a look behind the scenes at their local hospital, speak to some of our medical experts and learn about the great work that goes on in the trust.

“I’m very much looking forward to it, and I would encourage people to come along and enjoy what should be a really good event.”

The event is free, with parking available at the hospital for those attending.

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PHOTOS: You are invited to send reporters/photographers along to the event. Dan Harding will kick things off at 10am and then take part in a couple of activities, providing some good photo opportunities.
Notes to Editors

1. Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides hospital services to a population of approximately 600,000 people in Hampshire and parts of West Berkshire.
2. HHFT has around 5,500 staff and a turnover of £345.6 million a year.
3. HHFT delivers one hospital service across multiple locations including its own hospitals, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. It also provides outpatient and assessment services from Bordon and Alton community hospitals.
4. As a Foundation Trust, HHFT is accountable to the local community through a system of local ownership with members and elected governors. HHFT has around 18,000 staff and public members. Foundation Trusts are free from central government control and can reinvest any surplus to develop clinical services. They are authorised and regulated by Monitor, an independent regulator.

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