

Worried about the future of A&E at Poole Hospital?

Poole Hospital A&E will become an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) when Royal Bournemouth Hospital (RBH) becomes the major Emergency Hospital for east Dorset in 2023/24.

- The UTC at Poole Hospital will treat between 50,000 and 60,000 patients every year
- The UTC will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Staff at the UTC will be able to treat nearly 800 illnesses/injuries
- Most patients currently attending Poole A&E will continue to be treated in this new centre
- Patients requiring emergency or specialist intervention will be taken directly to RBH or will go to other specialist centres such as Southampton or Salisbury as per current clinical pathways
- Dorset County Hospital's A&E will continue to treat up to 40,000 emergency patients from within Dorset
- Weymouth Urgent Treatment Centre will continue to treat up to 35,000 patients from within Dorset

Poole Hospital will remain a busy and vibrant site. As well as the UTC it will have a state-of-the-art theatre complex, expanded day case surgery provision along with a range of outpatients, cancer and diagnostic services.

To read more about the benefits of the planned changes across Dorset, please visit www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk

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