



We're CCG of The Year!

We're celebrating being named as Clinical Commissioning Group of the Year...months before any CCG becomes a stand-alone organisation!

We won the NHS Alliance Acorn Award for 'Making a Difference: CCG of The Year.' The award recognised our all-round good performance and progress in our development in the past year. Dr Tim Wilkinson, who chairs our governing body, is pictured with the certificate.

For details, click [CCG Of The Year](#)



St Mary's Community Health Campus

A 98-year-old ex-nurse – who survived a raid on St Mary's Hospital during The Blitz - was a VIP guest at the official opening of the £18.6m community health campus. Jane Allen was one of nearly 30 former staff who returned to the site to tour the campus. She is pictured with our chief clinical officer, Dr Jim Hogan, who unveiled a commemorative plaque to formally open a building which welcomed its first patients nearly a year ago and is already proving a big success.

Click [St Mary's](#) for more information.



CCG completes its line-up

We've made the final two appointments to our governing body – a registered nurse and a secondary care doctor. We're delighted to welcome Dr Julie Cullen and Mr Tahwinder Upile.

Andrew Mortimore has been our Interim Director of Public Health (DPH) since Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones left to take up a similar post in York. Andrew (pictured right) is also DPH for Southampton.

[Final appointments](#)



...but we're sad to be losing John

Sadly though, we will soon be losing the services of Dr John Thornton, who will be stepping down from his position on our governing body at the end of this year – although he will still very much be a GP in Portsmouth.

John is resigning for family and work reasons and we would like to thank him for the terrific contribution he has made to our evolving organisation.



Our first meeting in public

We're set to hold our first meeting in public – and you're invited. Please put Wednesday 19 December in your diaries. After the business is concluded, we'll look forward to meeting you and trying to answer any questions.

For details of the venue, times and agenda, click [meeting](#)



Award to stop people smoking

The local NHS has won a national award for its activities encouraging smokers to quit on No Smoking Day.

NHS Portsmouth was at the heart of a collaborative effort which beat more than 80 entries to be named the British Heart Foundation's Organiser of the Year in the Best Community/Local Partnership Activity category.

For details, click [smoking](#)



NHS Health Checks soar in city

Portsmouth has seen a near one-third increase in people attending their free NHS Health Check. Interim Director of Public Health Dr Andrew Mortimore, said: "A 32% increase in uptake is a fantastic achievement for three months' work. We are on track to achieve a 50% increase, if not more, by March 2013."

For the full story, click [Health Checks](#)



Choose Well

We're just about to launch another Choose Well campaign this winter – to try to ensure people get the most appropriate and timely health care for their needs. This year, we are focussing in on the crucial role that the Minor Injuries Unit and pharmacies play in easing pressure on the NHS.

For copies of the new leaflets and posters being produced, please email Cathy.Greig@hampshire.nhs.uk



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