

to promote responsible play. Officers from the Saints Foundation teamed up with Police Community Support Officers to promote safe and responsible play to a group of youngsters living on three of Raglan Housing Association's housing estates in Woolston.



**SOUTHAMPTON:** All four cardiac surgeons are rated in top twelve in the country

# City heart op patients have best survival rate

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**HEART surgery patients undergoing planned operations in Southampton have the best chance of surviving in the country, latest figures have revealed.**

The latest Blue Book Online report shows that the adult cardiac surgery team at Southampton General Hospital carries out the sixth-most procedures and more importantly, has the lowest risk-adjusted mortality rate.

The report also looked at individual surgeon data and all four Southampton surgeons are in the top 12 in terms of number of cases performed and their mortality rates, which are all lower than the national average.

It comes as a huge boost to the hospital as adult services will now be looked at when it comes to deciding which children's heart units will remain open, after the secretary of state suspended the initial decision earlier this month.



**TOP SURGEONS:** Clifford Barlow, Sunhil Ohri, Geoff Tsang and Steve Livesey.

As part of the analysis by the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery, each hospital trust received a percentage score based on how ill patients were, how high-risk their procedures were and how many survived, with the national average at 2.74 per cent deaths.

If the number was lower, it showed a better than average survival rate and University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust's was 1.48 per cent.

This means a survival rate of 98.52 per cent, which is the best in the UK.

The adult cardiac surgery team, which consists of four surgeons – Sunil Ohri, Geoff Tsang, Steve Livesey and Clifford Barlow – performed 3,705 non-emergency operations over the three-year audit period between April 2009 and March 2012.

Mr Barlow said: "No goal is more important than to achieve the highest possible survival rates – even in very high risk patients – and it is testament to the quality of cardiac care in Southampton that we are among the very top performers over a sustained

period of time. But we will not stop there. Our cardiac teams, along with all surgical teams, will continue to look and analyse our results and seek to improve wherever necessary to continue to provide the best possible care for our patients."

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Anchorage, Autostar, roro, 0930, 105, Morning Cecilie, roro, 1130, 44, Huelin Dispatch, cargo, 1159, 45, NYK Orion, container, 2000, 206, Toreador, roro, 2130, 35, Arabian Breeze, roro, 2359, 31, Holstentor, cargo, 2359, medina wharf.

**Sailings:** Hyundai Splendor, container, 0200, 205/206, Michigan Highway, vehicle, 0700, 40, Crown Princess, passenger, 1600, 106, Glovis Courage, vehicle, 1600, 35, MSC Opera, passenger, 1600, 104, Independence of the Seas, passenger, 1630, 101, Ventura, passenger, 1630, 46, Autostar, roro, 1700, 31, Caribbean Princess, passenger, 1700, 38/9, Morning Cecilie, roro, 2200, 44.

**Tomorrow's principal Southampton arrivals:**  
CMA CGM Verdi, container, 0600, 205, Oceana, passenger, 0630, 106, Queen Victoria, passenger, 0630, 46, Santa Bettina, roro, 0700, 207, Hoegh Shanghai, roro, 0715, 44, Undine, roro, 0730, 38/9, CMA CGM Aquila, container, 0830, Nab Anchorage, Virgo Leader, roro, 0930, 40.

**Sailings:** OOCL Kuala Lumpur, container, 0100, 207, CMA CGM Aquila, container, 0830, Nab Anchorage, Santa Bettina, container, 1200, 207, Oceana, passenger, 1630, 106, Queen Victoria, passenger, 1630, 46, Hoegh Shanghai, roro, 1700, 44, NYK Orion, container, 1700, 206, Toreador, roro, 2000, 35, Undine, roro, 2100, 38/9, CMA CGM Verdi, container, 2300, 205, Huelin Dispatch, cargo, 2359, 45.

**Low Water tomorrow**

Bournemouth	09.40	0.8m	22.17	1.1m
Christchurch	09.55	0.6m	22.29	0.7m
Exmouth	06.03	0.7m	18.20	0.8m
Lymington	10.24	1.1m	23.11	1.3m
Poole Ent	09.56	0.8m	22.32	0.9m
Portsmouth	10.29	1.2m	23.03	1.5m
Southampton	10.27	1.1m	23.01	1.3m
Swanage	09.25	0.8m	21.59	0.9m
Wareham	11.09	1.0m	23.40	1.1m
Weymouth	05.03	0.5m	17.09	0.7m

**High Water tomorrow**

Bournemouth	06.30	1.8m	19.03	2.1m
Christchurch	04.56	1.6m	18.38	1.6m
Exmouth	-	-	12.29	3.2m
Portsmouth	05.06	4.2m	18.15	4.5m
Southampton	04.54	4.0m	17.38	4.1m
Weymouth	00.04	1.9m	12.33	1.7m

High water at Poole, Swanage and Wareham will occur between 5 hours after low water and 3 hours before the next low water.