

NEWSLETTER #20

Growing our CHA Community Hospital Networks

We value our growing number of people who have joined the CHA, and we now have our *Health Foundation Q Exchange* Community Hospitals Special Interest Group (SIG).

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in applying for funding to Q for support to grow our networks in our Q special interest group for community hospitals. Thank you to Q for this support. Q tweeted “*These projects will support #QCommunity members to build and strengthen networks, share and apply learning.*”

This project will focus on supporting the development of the new Community Hospitals SIG, increasing membership and promoting quality improvement. There will be a facilitated event for members help to direct the future of the SIG and identify how it may support members. The project will also develop the SIG as a place for patients and staff to share their stories, and promote examples of quality improvement.

For those of you who have not yet joined, please do follow the links below. Please spread the word!

Join the CHA

Personal Membership <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/join-free-personal.html>

Organisational Membership <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/join-organisational.html>

Join Q

Apply to be a Q Member <https://q.health.org.uk/join-q/>

Q Guest Account if not a Q member <https://q.health.org.uk/site-registration/>

Join our Q SIG (Q Guest or Member) <https://q.health.org.uk/community/groups/community-hospitals/>

Website: <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/>

Twitter: @CommHospUK

LinkedIn: Community Hospitals Association

Facebook: Community Hospitals Association

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Q Study - Community Hospitals Contribution During Covid-19 Project

We are pleased to report that our project funded by Q is progressing well. We now have 30 Case Studies to share, and a draft report is being prepared. We want to record our thanks to the 85 staff from the 20 organisations that have taken part in this study. We are grateful to them for sharing their thoughts and experiences during this time. The Case Studies illustrate the resilience and flexibility of Community Hospitals, and we are looking forward to sharing these with our networks.

We are sharing our results with an international audience in Denmark next month. David Seamark and Helen Tucker will be presenting at the International Foundation of Integrated Care ICIC22 conference.

<https://integratedcarefoundation.org/events/icic22-22nd-international-conference-on-integrated-care>

If you want to read about our work to date look on the project page on the Q Community website: <https://q.health.org.uk/idea/2020/community-hospitals-embedding-covid-19-positive-impact-changes-through-shared-learning/>

Community Hospital Special Interest Group

We were very pleased with our first online discussion was held on the 23rd February 2022 which focused on 2 case studies. Dr Adrian Baker spoke of his early interventions in Nairn, Highlands. Julian Kerr described how, as a Nurse Consultant, he is developing his Advanced Practice Team and the changes and improvements they have made during Covid. The feedback from staff who joined the discussion was very positive.

"What amazing examples of a "can do" way of working and wonderful that CHA is able to share this work across the CH network and beyond!"

"So inspirational, thank you so much Adrian and Julian for sharing your stories."

"Thank you Adrian and Julian. So much fantastic learning about leadership, local autonomy and innovation."

"So refreshing to hear these inspirational leaders. I totally agree that we achieved far more autonomy."

"Thank you this was a very interesting forum and I would love to put our ANP/ACP managers in touch with this SIG as I think it would really help them."

CHA Blog - Care in a Community Hospital – what it looks like in 2022

Sue Greenwood, Matron Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and CHA Committee member contributed a blog to our website.

Sue wrote: "I would like to share what I believe the Community Hospital offer in 2022, could be, and how you could continue to lead innovation and best practice as a Clinical Matron."



Read more here:

<http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/blog/blog.html>

Community Hospitals in the News

Please do go to our website to read more about these hospitals and other news stories related to community hospitals. <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/news/news.html>

* Evesham Community Hospital

Dr Kirsty Protherough, one of our CHA committee members, has tweeted about one of the GP Trainees presenting the "Deprescribing audit" at Evesham Community Hospital. The concluding outcome was that deprescribing as well as prescribing requires shared decision making with patients and families as well as greater communication with the GP.



* Teignmouth Community Hospital, Devon

Teignmouth hospital looks set to close after an independent review found the NHS consulted "adequately" with councillors about its plan. In March last year, Devon County Council's health and scrutiny committee referred the proposals to Health Secretary who agreed the plans to close Teignmouth hospital should be reviewed by a panel of independent experts – the Independent Reconfiguration Panel. The panel ruled the CCG's consultation with the committee was "adequate", paving the way for the closure to go ahead. The CHA has been providing evidence to the local community group, and helping them to have a say in the future of their local healthcare.

<https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2022-03-18/community-hospital-in-devon-set-to-close-for-good>

*** The Vale Community Hospital Dursley**



Community campaigners welcome the return of community beds to the hospital. All beds had been previously allocated as stroke beds, but there is now a return to a proportion of community beds.

Read more: <https://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/20031860.campaigners-welcome-plans-community-beds-vale-hospital/>

*** Ellen Badger Hospital Site – New Development**

The first phase of a project to redevelop the Ellen Badger Hospital in Shipston has been given planning permission for a new Medical and Wellbeing Centre.

<https://www.stratford-herald.com/news/planning-permission-granted-for-new-medical-centre-in-shipst-9245587/>

*** Parking to remain free for NHS staff at Mansfield Community hospital**

Staff at hospitals across Nottinghamshire will not have to pay for parking - despite the charge being reintroduced across the country. The Health Secretary announced the end of the benefit from Friday, April 1. Sherwood Forest Hospitals (SFH), the trust responsible for King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Community Hospital and Newark Hospital, has said parking would remain free, and also added that this was being reviewed.

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/nottingham-news/parking-remain-free-nhs-staff-6888362>

***Artists in Residence Project – Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust**

Oxford Health Charity has been proud to support the Artists in Residence Project through funding made possible by NHS Charities Together grants given during the COVID pandemic. It truly reflects the thought behind the many donations that were given to NHS Charities Together and other NHS charities during that period – that those receiving or giving care deserve the best that we can offer. The Oxford Health Arts Partnership, Artist in Residence pilot project took place between June and December 2021 with six artists of varying disciplines engaged to work across six community hospitals in Oxfordshire, with the aim of enhancing the patient and carer experience through a variety of artistic activities across the six settings. You can read more here:

<https://www.oxfordhealth.charity/News/making-a-difference-artists>

Innovation and Best Practice Awards 2022

This year's Innovation and Best Practice Awards will be drawn from the Case Studies we have identified from our Exchange project. We are aiming to complete judging in May and announce the winners in June.

Spotlight on CHA Committee Member - Katie Scott



Katie is a committee member of the CHA and is also on our panel for Innovations and Best Practice Awards.

Katie Scott co-ordinated a group of community campaigners who have worked hard to retain Rothbury Community Hospital, and all of its services, including beds. The proposal to close beds was referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel, who advised that the local NHS worked closely with local people. After much collaborative work a proposal has been developed to open the beds as residential care beds under the management of a Care Home Provider, People First. A number of the beds will be available as NHS beds with community clinical and therapy support. The arrangement is seen as an innovative solution and a way of retaining NHS beds and services in the Rothbury area. Read more <https://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/rothbury-hospital-beds-northumberland-nhs-22800320>

Katie is also providing support to other community hospital community groups where beds and services are under review and helping patients and communities to have a voice. Please email us at infocommunityhospitals@gmail.com if you would like to contact Katie.

Patient Stories

We want to encourage patients and families to share their experience of community hospital care. The CHA involvement in the recent research by the University of Birmingham showed how much local hospital were valued. Please do encourage patients to share their stories. We would love to hear from them.

One example of a positive experience of integrated care has been shared by our President, and has been published in the Journal of Integrated Care.

<http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/news/news.html>

This has prompted us to seek our more stories where we can learn about patient experiences and share learning on good practice and quality improvements.

CHA News, Events and Publications

We would love to hear from you. We are always pleased to hear from members and to share the learning about community hospitals and services across the UK. Please email us at: infocommunityhospitals@gmail.com