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# NEWSLETTER



## Community Hospitals Association

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## Welcome

We have updated the format of our newsletter and hope you like it and find the information accessible. Over the next year, we aim to engage with you and an increasing number of community hospitals to enable the sharing of learning and innovation.

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### 1. Health Foundation Q Study Community Hospitals: Embedding Covid-19 positive impact changes through shared learning

Our CHA Proposal to Q Exchange has been successful! Our CHA Project Lead, Evelyn Prodger has said: *"We are delighted with our successful Q Exchange bid, and excited to progress this work as it will allow us to showcase the important and unique contribution of Community Hospitals during Covid-19"*

*Do you have a story to tell about your community hospital during covid-19? We would love you to contact us.*

The CHA has set up a Q Special Interest Group and we invite you to join this. We hope that participants in the group will find it helpful to share their experience and learning on the role of community hospitals and help contribute to the study.

<http://q.health.org.uk/community/groups/community-hospitals/>

### 2. Health and Social Care Policy Changes—possible impact on Community Hospitals and services

The Lead members for each nation are debating the implications of the policy papers for health and social care in each country and in particular the implications for community hospitals. Key messages and briefing papers will be posted on the website and on social media.

<http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/research-in-community-hospitals.html>

### 3. Kings College: New Knowledge on admissions to Community Hospitals – Paper Published

A paper has been published on admissions to community hospitals. *"This is the first national cohort study on community hospitals in England. We identified over 76,000 people admitted to 220 community hospitals. This is an older population living with multiple chronic progressive conditions. Over one in four died within a year of their admission. To deliver high-quality care, requires integrated care between community hospitals, geriatric care and palliative care, and a skilled workforce to manage multiple care needs across the care continuum and into end of life."* Catherine Evans

<http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/kings-college-progress-report.html>

### 4. Wellbeing resources

An updated list of resources to support all those working in community hospitals has been prepared by the committee. We are mindful of the fact that staff are working exceptionally hard and that factors such as staffing numbers, illness and exhaustion are impacting on those staff working in our hospitals. The CHA continues to talk to members working in community hospitals and exploring ways of supporting staff and organisations.

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

### 5. Blog by Committee Member Evelyn Prodger

What a difference a year makes! Evelyn, the CHA lead on Quality Improvement, reflects on the past year and what has happened within community hospitals and the CHA.

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

## Great partnership working

We are pleased to collaborate with the NHS Benchmarking Networking. They hold informative events for members on current topics including intermediate care, frailty.

Follow this link to learn more: <https://www.nhsbenchmarking.nhs.uk/>

## Other news

**Honiton**– Call to Support our community hospitals - Heather Penwarden

**Teignmouth Community Hospital** – Parliamentary debate calling for a halt to the proposed closure

**Hailsham Community** – proposal for a new community hospital turned down

**Scottish Community Hospitals** – drones used to deliver supplies re Covid-19

**Leominster, Ross and Bromyard Community Hospitals** – millions needed to restore hospital buildings in Herefordshire

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

## Don't forget

We are continuing to offer free lifetime personal membership—as we did last year as part of our celebrations of 50 years of the CHA.

Please email us if you would like to join. This will entitle you to regular newsletter, invitations to events such as our Members Forum etc.

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