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## Discussion of Special Interest Group on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm – Good Practice Case Study on Supporting Staff



**Annaluisa Wood**  
MATRON OF ALNWICK AND BERWICK  
COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

We are delighted to welcome Annaluisa Wood, Matron of Alnwick and Berwick Community Hospitals and Anna Burhouse, Director of Quality Development, Health Foundation Fellow who will be talking about how they supported staff during the pandemic.

The Trust has said that the pandemic has, rightly, elevated staff well-being in NHS organisations. Northumbria want to hold on to the importance of this work, and the strength of staff feedback. The session will include a presentation by Annaluisa and Anna, and then opportunities for questions and further discussion.

Register for this event on  
Eventbrite here



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## Launch of the CHA Q Report

We are delighted to be launching our report “Community Hospitals: Embedding COVID-19 positive impact changes through shared learning” which shows the contribution that community hospitals made during COVID-19. The report shows the flexibility, responsiveness and resilience of community hospitals.

Our Report is in several formats: Executive Summary, Report, and Plain English Summary. We have provided a Strategic Briefing paper from the report. We have also supplied a Glossary. All can be downloaded here: [here](#)

The 30 case studies from 20 organisations can be read and downloaded [here](#)



## Publication in BMJ Open Quality



We are very pleased to have published a paper in **BMJ Open Quality** which is now available to download as an open access article. Dr David Seamark, Vice President and Director of the CHA, is the lead author of this publication.

The paper shows the value of community hospitals and shares the good practice.

We hope that the paper will be widely shared. You can download it for free [here](#)

## Community Hospitals in the News

To read about community hospitals in the news, please look on our website [here](#)



Petersfield Hospital

There is news of developments, with Penrith opening a new ward, a stroke unit being opened in Llandudno, and the formal opening of the Petersfield Community Hospital Urgent Treatment Centre. Community Diagnostic Centres have been approved for Newmarket and Clacton.

There are closures recorded such as Aboyne due to staffing issues, and ward closures at Leominster and Ross on Wye due to COVID-19 outbreaks. There is also news of a Community purchasing its local community hospital, the Edward Hain hospital.



Newmarket Community Hospital



Samuel Johnson Community Hospital, Lichfield

There is also news on delays in progress on developments, such as Rhyl Hospital, and the return of maternity to Lichfield hospital.

Do share news of your hospital and services.

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](mailto:infocommunityhospitals@gmail.com)



## Contact us at the CHA



We would love to hear from you. We would welcome feedback on our publications, website and social media. We would appreciate suggestions.

The CHA is approached by people with a range of questions including:

- ◆ *Can we provide any information or resources on safer staff?*
- ◆ *Can we provide information on community hospital bed numbers?*
- ◆ *Can we comment on potential scoping for research studies?*
- ◆ *Would we be able to speak at a League of Friends event about community hospitals nationally?*
- ◆ *Can we work with local people on the best way to support their community hospital?*
- ◆ *Can we provide examples of Advanced Clinical Practitioners in community hospitals?*

Our committee responds to queries, and this gives us an opportunity to assess the predominant themes in community hospitals. We are often able to link members, and assist with the sharing of good practice. We also pick up on topics that merit further discussion in our Q Special Interest Group.

## Growing our CHA Community Hospital Networks

If you would like to be a part of our network, then please email Eleanor Murphy, CHA Administrator, who can talk to you about how you can sign up. It is free to join for individuals. [eleanor@communityhospitals.net](mailto:eleanor@communityhospitals.net)

## Funding the work of the CHA

The Committee are all volunteers who are passionate supporters of the work done in and by Community Hospitals. While our running costs are extremely low we rely on organisational membership to fund the work we do. If you are a member of a League of Friends or a Community Hospital with good connections to your League of Friends, please think about whether the membership for that hospital could be funded – details of what to do and cost can be found on our website: [join us](#)

Your small financial contribution can help ensure we can continue to support requests for help from Community Hospitals and Leagues of Friends, provide information for Government departments when requested and continue to advocate for the great work being done in and by Community Hospitals and their teams.

Please do join our growing network. There are many benefits in sharing and learning across community hospitals across the UK.



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