



NEWSLETTER #27

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Innovation and Best Practice Awards 2023

Congratulations to this year's winners! This year saw the highest standard of entries ever. The judges were treated to a day of impressive presentations on a wide range of subjects. Judging was so tight that this year we will be presenting 6 awards in total. The winners are:

PHARMACY INTERVENTION RECORDING TOOL

RAFAEL BAPTISTA,
CLINICAL PHARMACIST
POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD
(NHS WALES)



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Read more about the [CHA Innovation and Best Practice Awards 2023](#) here



Sharing Good Practice – Community Hospitals in Gloucestershire



Dawn Allen gave a scintillating presentation on the 7 community hospitals in Gloucestershire, and described many innovations and quality improvements.



It was a presentation packed full of fascinating content. Members of our Q Special Interest Group on Community Hospitals as well as CHA members attended an evening discussion.

Thank you to Dawn and her staff. Dawn has kindly agreed to share her presentation, and there is a recording of the presentation and the discussion [here](#)



Networking in Action!

The Q Community Team met with the CHA at Rye Hospital recently. The Rye Trustees spoke about Rye community hospital and gave a tour of the many services and facilities offered to local people. It was an exciting and stimulating day, with an opportunity for

sharing and learning about community hospitals locally and nationally.

There were many ideas coming forward about growing, supporting and sustaining networks within Q and CHA for those involved with community hospitals. We will be sharing an account of the visit on our CHA Community Hospitals Special Interest Group within the Q community. Do join us.



Celebrating 75 Years of the NHS!



A wonderful achievement, offering health care free at the point of delivery over 75 years. Community hospitals have been a vital part of the NHS, with local accessible community-based services within many rural, remote and coastal areas.

We know that the first baby to be born within the NHS was born in a community hospital - Amman Valley Hospital in Wales.

The NHS is a fantastic institution that we must make sure continues.

Thank you to all involved in the NHS!



Community Hospitals are FAB

Good practice is shared on the Academy of NHS Fabstuff website.

We have [a page for Community Hospitals](#), which contains many examples of innovation and good practice, as well as case studies from our project on assessing the contribution of community hospitals during COVID-19. A treasure trove of information on our fabulous community hospitals!



Thank you to NHS Fabstuff – to Roy Lilley, our CHA Patron and to Terri Porrett.

We appreciate the support and the sharing of good news and good practice.



Community Healthcare Alliance of Research Trusts



The CHA was invited to join a discussion with CHART on current and proposed community services research. This is an active and enthusiastic group of people, who are sharing research ideas and offering support.

On June 12th, many research teams wore red to promote research [#Red4Research](#) including a team in Kent.

The CHA is pleased to be connected with this active group. The CHA has a role in supporting and promoting research including evidence-based practice and knowledge exchange.

Do follow CHART on twitter [@CommunityHART](#)

CHA AGM

The AGM received a report from the Chair, which set out the achievements and activities of the CHA committee during the year. It was impressive seeing it all compiled. The Annual Report provides information on membership, changes in committee, and sets out ambitions for next year. Specific sections of the report that may be of particular interest:



IMPACT OF PANDEMIC

Monthly virtual meetings and a face-to-face hosted by Gloucestershire Healthcare Trust.

QEXCHANGE PROJECT ON THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY HOSPITALS DURING COVID-19

“Now the Q Exchange study is drawing to a close I would like to thank all those participants who gave so willingly of their time and also the staff at Q who have been so supportive throughout. The study has raised awareness of the contribution of UK community hospitals during the pandemic and our case studies demonstrate the tremendous creativity and flexibility demonstrated by many teams. We have been publishing the results in peer reviewed journals, presented findings at international conferences and set in motion a series of learning events through a Q Exchange Special Interest Group.”

COMMUNITY HOSPITALS SIG: SHARING GOOD PRACTICE.

We have created a network within the Q Community. By the end March 2023 we had 53 members of our Special Interest Group. In 2022/2023 we held 5 discussion groups and produced 2 Resource Packs.

INNOVATIONS AND BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

We gave 4 awards for 2022/2023. Congratulations to all concerned.

We also had a Treasurer’s Report, which set out clearly our financial position. The two Reports can be read on our website [here](#)



Penguin Visit to Gloucestershire Hospitals

Penguins delighted patients and staff at Tewkesbury and North Cotswolds community hospitals in Gloucestershire. The Humboldt penguins, Pringle (aged 12) and Widget (aged 7) were from Heythrop Zoological Gardens in Oxfordshire.

Deputy Service Director of Community Hospitals, Juliette Richardson, thanked Matron Julie Ellery for organising the special visitors, saying:

“Seeing the happiness on the faces of patients and colleagues was just incredible. Thank you, and thank you to the League of Friends for making this happen.”



Community Hospitals in the News

In the news is “Art Making a Difference” in Oxfordshire - you can watch a video and see patient feedback. You can also watch videos about the fabulous services at Rye hospital, and about the Q visit to the CHA at Rye.



In the news for Wales is the completion of the community hospital in [Machynlleth](#) and the visit of the Minister for Health and Social Services to [Pembrokeshire Community Hospital](#)



BRO DDYFI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
IN NORTH WALES



EAST LOTHIAN COMMUNITY
HOSPITAL



HEALTH MINISTER ELUNED MORGAN VISITS SOUTH
PEMBROKESHIRE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

In Scotland is the announcement of the East Lothian Community Hospital in Haddington offering vaccinations.

There is news of Community diagnostic centres in Thurrock and Ripon.

There were centenary celebrations in the Dilke Hospital in Gloucestershire.



There is a public consultation on the future of [Bishops Castle Hospital](#), and there is support for the reinstatement of services at Portland Community Hospital.



STAFF IN HISTORIC NURSES' UNIFORMS
AT DILKE HOSPITAL



A fundraising target of £75k has been set to celebrate 75 years of the NHS by the Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust, which includes the County Hospital in Louth, Grantham Community Hospital and Pilgrim Hospital Boston.

Read more on our website [here](#).

Do send us any of your news stories.



Mapping Community Hospitals in Wales

Ruth Cann Consultant Nurse Older Vulnerable Adults in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has started a All Wales Community Hospital Network- Mapping Welsh Services.



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Cardiff and Vale
University Health Board

The first meeting was held in April and the network are currently doing a mapping exercise of community hospital services in Wales to help inform what the network needs going forward. If you are interested in or have any questions please get in touch- Ruth.Cann@wales.nhs.uk or lisa.fabb2@wales.nhs.uk

Evelyn Prodger - Outgoing Chair of the CHA



A message from our outgoing Chair Evelyn Prodger

I have had the privilege to Chair CHA over the past 16 months. During my time as Chair we have developed new relationships and networks, extended the work of our Special Interest Group, continued to share the outputs of the QExchange funded project on the contribution Community Hospitals made during Covid, enhanced our presence on social media, developed resource packs and maintained financial balance.

I have been truly humbled by the commitment of the people I have worked with and met and the way they demonstrate the value Community Hospitals add to individuals, teams and communities. As I step away to pursue a new work adventure I know that Community Hospitals will continue to innovate, care and deliver compassionate care.

As a committee of volunteers the CHA team are incredible and will continue to be the national voice of Community Hospitals.

Meet our New Committee Members

We are delighted to be joined by 3 new committee members.



JO POSNETTE is a RN and Trustee of Rye and Winchelsea District Memorial Hospital.



SARAH WASHER is a Modern Matron at Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust.



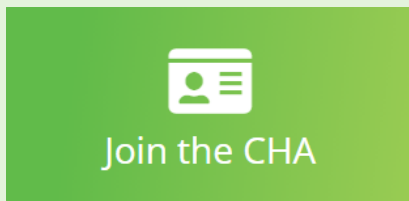
JULIA FAIRHALL IS Assistant Director of Nursing at Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust.

You can [read all about them](#), and all that they have to offer on our website.



Join our Networks

If you are not already a member, you are very welcome to join us.



- ◇ CHA personal individual lifetime member (free).
- ◇ We also offer [membership to organisations](#) such as NHS Trusts and Leagues of Community Hospital Friends. There is a small fee for this.



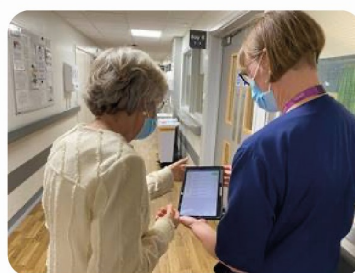
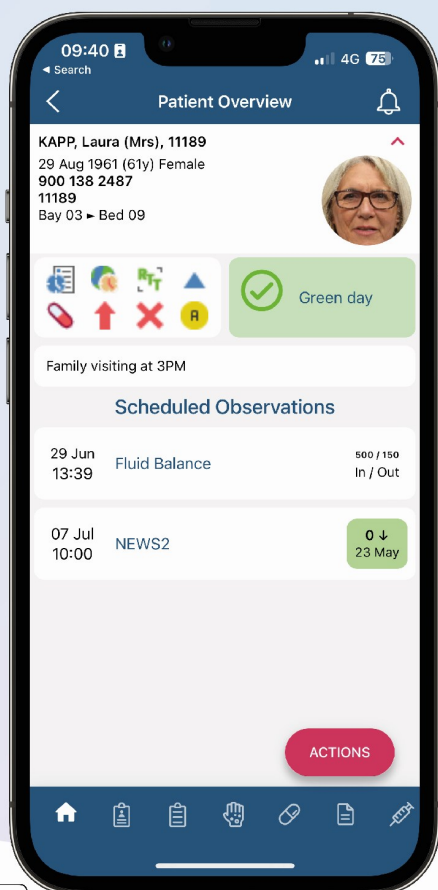
You are welcome to join our [Community Hospital Special Interest Group](#) within the Q Community with a focus on Quality Improvement and sharing good practice.

For any enquiries and further information, please contact our Administrator Eleanor Murphy eleanor@communityhospitals.net



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Patricia Hewitt, Chair of the Norfolk and Waveney ICS with Lisa Ruthven, Unit Manager at Minismere Ward using Brigid at Beccles Hospital



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