

NEWSLETTER #21

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1. CHA at International Conference – Celebrating Community Hospitals

The CHA had an opportunity to speak at an international conference, and promote community hospitals to an international audience. The CHA was represented by David Seamark and Helen Tucker who participated in the International Foundation of Integrated Care ICIC22 conference in Denmark. This hybrid conference attracted an international audience of 1000 delegates from 52 countries – 600 delegates attending and 400 online. The CHA talk focused on integrated care in community hospitals, and the learning from the case studies from our Q-Exchange project regarding the innovations in community hospitals during Covid-19. The talk was well received and many valuable international connections were made.



Helen commented: “We were delighted to make connections at the conference and we are delighted to welcome new members and expand our community hospitals network internationally.”

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

View the Poster here: <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/quality-improvement/sharing-learning.html>

2. Quality Improvement Case Studies

Do read about fabulous good practice on our website. Thank you to the staff for contributing to our Q project, exploring the contribution of community hospitals during Covid-19. We will continue to post case studies of quality improvements over the next few months. Lots of good practice to share!

<http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/quality-improvement/case-studies.html>

Organisation	Case Study
Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust	Advanced Practice Team
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Virtual outpatients
Highland Health Board	Keeping our community safe
Hounslow & Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust	Support hospital discharge during reset
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Corona Voice supporting staff
Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust	Ice lollies for patients
Torbay and Southern Devon NHS Foundation Trust	Relocating cancer care
Sussex Community NHS Trust	Virtual home assessment
North Northern Health and Social Care Trust	Creating a communication open door

3. Community Hospital Special Interest Group 29th June 12.30-2pm

We are planning another online discussion for our Q Community Hospital Special Interest Group, following on from the success of the last one, which was described by many of those attending as “inspirational.” Do feel free to join us. We will be hearing staff describe their experiences of quality improvements in community hospitals during Covid-19. We are publishing case studies of these impressive developments in order to help share, learn and sustain these improvements. Case studies are available to read on our website: <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/quality-improvement/case-studies.html>

4. Spotlight on CHA Administrator – Eleanor Murphy



We are delighted to announce that the CHA now has an administrator. This will transform our work and increase our ability to support members throughout the year. Eleanor will be working to support us as voluntary committee members, and will also be working specifically on the project to grow our special interest group in the Q community. Eleanor has a wide range of experience with over 16 years' working with people with disabilities in supported employment, as well as project development and quality checking roles. Eleanor is passionate about equality of opportunity and supporting people with disabilities to reach their potential by identifying steps to success. Eleanor has a BMus and is currently completing a Dip in Health and Social Care. Contact: eleanor@communityhospitals.net To see our Committee and read more about Eleanor please look at our website <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/about-us/committee.html>

5. Community Hospitals in the News

To read about community hospitals in the news, please look on our website: <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/news/news.html>

Amongst the latest news is the opening of a new community hospital in Skye, Scotland, the opening of a new ward at Alton community hospital in Hampshire, re-development of the Falkirk community hospital in Scotland and support for redevelopment of a community hospital in Rhyl, North Wales.

Refurbishment of the Herts and Essex community hospital is reported.

The Knoll community hospital in the Borders, Scotland is reporting to be closed to visiting because of a Covid outbreak. Perth and Kinross describe a new service model – Community care and treatment service. Oxford reports on its Artists in Residence (AiR) scheme.

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.

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6. Jubilee Celebrations in Community Hospitals



Celebrations in community hospitals were reported to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These photos posted on twitter from Launceston Community Hospital in Cornwall showed the contributions from the League of Friends, and a fabulous cake! Launceston Town Band popped in to play for the patients and staff. It looked amazing. Events like these were enjoyed in many community hospitals. Thanks for sharing your good news stories.

7. Developing Community Hospitals in Italy

The CHA is pleased to be connected with Professor Giovanni Fattore and his research team at the University of Boccini with regard to the strategy to invest in community hospitals in Italy. It is fascinating to compare the model in the UK which has been established for 150 years with the new model being developed in Italy for their network of community hospitals. This link takes you to the commitment for 400 new community hospitals. <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/quality-improvement/research-current.html>

8. Innovations for Healthcare at Home Conference

Our Director, Kirsty Protherough has organised this free online conference to discuss innovations for healthcare at home. This is the link for registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/innovations-for-healthcare-at-home-registration-293151302437>

9. Reporting on the CHA

We held our Annual General meeting on 13th June. Evelyn Prodger, interim Chair, presented a report of our last year's activities. This included increasing our personal members, welcoming new committee members and increasing our social media profile. Evelyn reported on the QExchange project on the role of community hospitals during Covid-19, and the Q Connections funding to support us to grow our network. During the last year we have rebranded the CHA. We were delighted to present staff with innovation and best practice awards. Evelyn concluded "Our commitment is to ensure we continue to be the National Voice for Community Hospitals." Please do read our Annual Report and minutes here: <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/news/events-current.html>

10. Growing our CHA Community Hospital Networks

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

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

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

We are pleased to encourage membership of the Q Community – Quality Improvement
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/>

Social Media

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

Twitter: @CommHospUK

LinkedIn: Community Hospitals Association

Facebook: Community Hospitals Association