



COMMUNITY HOSPITALS ASSOCIATION




The future

Your opportunity to help shape the future




Agenda

- Apologies
 - Minutes of previous meeting
 - Matters arising
 - Chair & Chief Executive's report
 - Treasurer's financial report
 - The future of the CHA
 - AOB
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What has happened?

- ▶ **For nearly 50 years**
 - ▶ The CHA has fulfilled its role to support and develop the work of community hospitals
 - ▶ **Everything has changed**
 - ▶ The NHS
 - ▶ Community hospitals
 - ▶ The expectations of members
 - ▶ **By mid-2016, the CHA Committee formed the view**
 - ▶ ‘...the CHA in its current form is not sustainable in the medium term. It requires radical reform or closure through a managed process.’
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What are the reasons?

- **Membership**
 - Reducing (now 15%) and difficulty in recruiting
 - Reduced credibility; reduced finances
- **Committee members**
 - Fewer volunteers; some now wanting to step down
- **CHA directors**
 - All four stepping down; CHA Ltd. not a going concern
- **CHA support**
 - Over-reliant on a few plus Barbara (works for a pittance)
- **Finances**
 - Ever more stretched – not viable after this year



What are we planning?

- **Two aspects**

- To inform you of the directors' decision to wind up the company – CHA Ltd.
- To let you know the action we are taking to pursue a possible future form of the CHA

- The Committee is working hard on the second of these

- **When concluded a resolution will be put to members to vote on at an EGM**
- **Proxy voting will be enabled for all members**



What is the future?

Still a need for support for community hospitals

Options:

- **Do nothing**
 - **Not an option**

- **Increase fees to a level that will fund a new organisation**
 - **Not viable – recruiting proving too difficult**
 - **Cost of running the organisation too great**



What is the future?

Options (continued)

- **Become a networked organisation**
 - A virtual community of practice is possible
 - Still requires resources to run
- **Partner with another organisation with shared values**
 - This is possible and our favoured option
 - We are searching for suitable partner
 - NAPC is a possibility that we are actively pursuing
- **Close down the CHA**
 - Not what we want but would have be the default position



What do we need from you?

➤ Your ideas

- It is possible we have not thought of everything
- You may have some novel ideas or contacts
- You may have the energy and time to help

➤ Your discussion with colleagues

- Each member community hospital and each individual member has a vote
- You need to encourage discussion with your colleagues related to your member CH

➤ A decision from each member

- Once we have a resolution for the way forward, we need you to ensure that your member CH places its vote



What is our conclusion?

- ▶ **We would like the CHA to continue and be an influence and support**
 - ▶ but it needs now to have a radical restructure to achieve this
 - ▶ **We are grateful for the support of so many over the years**
 - ▶ and are keen to find a solution that allows the support to continue
 - ▶ albeit in a different form.
 - ▶ **Please ensure every member votes when the time comes!**
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