



**Community Hospitals Association (CHA)  
Newsletter #13**

**Members Forum on Frailty 14<sup>th</sup> October**

CHA members are invited to join us for a discussion on Frailty and the role of community hospitals. Please email us if you would like the zoom link: [infocommunityhospitals@gmail.com](mailto:infocommunityhospitals@gmail.com)

**\* Frailty \***

**14<sup>th</sup> October 7pm** led by Evelyn Prodger, CHA lead on Quality and Innovation, a Queens Nurse with experience as a general manager of community hospitals and community services

If you would like to join the discussion and you are not yet a member, you are very welcome to join our Association for free. We have a special offer for a lifetime free membership for individuals. Just send us your details: <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/joining-cha-membership.html>

**Celebrate 50 Years of the CHA**

October is our month of celebrating the work of Community Hospitals and the CHA. Please watch out for announcements of resources, featured community hospitals, histories, good practice, blogs and much more. Our Patron, Roy Lilley will be gifting a watercolour of a featured community hospital at the end of the month. If you would like to share your community hospitals celebrations and good practice please email Trish Jay at [celebrating@communityhospitals.net](mailto:celebrating@communityhospitals.net). Follow us on twitter @CommHospUK and tag us #CommHosp50. Also follow us on facebook and linked-in as well as our website - <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/>

**Q Community Exchange**

Please read our idea for a study on the role of community hospitals during Covid-19. We would love you to comment, make suggestions and support our proposal. We hope to attract funding so that we can share information on the very flexible role community hospitals have during the pandemic, and their contribution to community health.

A screenshot of the Q Community Exchange website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Browse, My ideas, and My community. Below the navigation, there is a search bar and a "Browse all ideas" section. The main content area features a large card for an idea titled "Community Hospitals: Embedding Covid-19 positive impact changes through shared learning". The card includes a description: "Describe, support and promote ways of working developed during Covid-19 through shared learning across Community Hospitals. Examination of case studies to develop a protocol to map initiatives nationally." There is also a photo of a group of people and two small profile pictures of individuals.

Please look us up and comment, add suggestions and support our proposal.  
<https://q.health.org.uk/idea/2020/community-hospitals-embedding-covid-19-positive-impact-changes-through-shared-learning/>

## CHA and University of Birmingham Webinars

Do join us in a series of webinars when we look at recent evidence on community hospitals. We have created panels of researchers, clinical staff and community representatives to talk about how the evidence may impact on the future role of community hospitals.

### Free Webinars

\*[International Learning](#) 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 11.30-1pm

\*[Efficiency of Community Hospitals](#) 12<sup>th</sup> November 12.30-2.00pm

\*[Value of Community Hospitals](#) on 19<sup>th</sup> November 12.30-2.00pm

For a free place please follow register here for the link on zoom:

[https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dx8LwdHxQX2-Mf8nlt8nwg](https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dx8LwdHxQX2-Mf8nlt8nwg)

## Celebrating “Hub on Rye Hill”

The CHA had a warm welcome from Barry Nealon and team at Rye Hospital in East Sussex. The community charity has added an outstanding facility to their resources on the Rye Hospital site. The Hub on Rye Hill is a wellbeing centre which offers space for community services as well as a providing a café and impressive resources. Dr Helen Tucker and Jo Douglas were given a (socially distanced and masked) tour of the new facility. We congratulate the charity on this incredible achievement which will make a valuable contribution to the health and wellbeing of the community. To find out more: <http://hubonryehill.org.uk/>



## Biomedical Services in Community Hospitals

Most biomedical staff work in acute hospitals but there are small laboratory facilities in some of the larger community hospitals. Other community hospitals have biomedical support staff responsible for the preparation of samples taken locally. A question posed by a recent report “Biomedical Services Survey Summer 2020” by Unite is whether the NHS is thinking sufficiently outside the box in siting most biomedical scientist staff in acute hospitals rather than being located locally. Certainly the report illustrates that the current NHS laboratory location strategy was not sufficiently responsive to the pandemic circumstances to be effective. The CHA is asking members if they have experience of biomedical scientist staff working in community hospitals? If so, could they share any experience they have had, and make any suggestions for arrangements to continually improve?

## CHA News Stories

News stories featuring community hospitals can be found on our website. These include features on community hospitals: Malvern and Princess of Wales, Beneden Hospital, Hythe, Deeside, Sterling, Dawlish, Withington and Wythenshawe. To read more please follow the link <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/news.html>

## Guest Blogs

### \* Covid-19 – A Reflection by Steffi Bailey.



Steffi writes about supporting patients welfare and wellbeing, and the introduction of a wellbeing hour. Activities and social connections helped both patients and staff during very difficult times. Thank you to Steffi for this months blog. <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/blog.html>.

### CHA Commentary on Plans for a Community Hospital in Uganda

We are pleased to report that the CHA has offered some suggestions to the business case to develop the Grace Community Hospital in Kasese, Western Uganda. Tom Brooks has led this work, and he has concluded that the business case so far looks like a solid foundation on which to develop a final version. Jostas Mwebembezi invited the CHA to comment. Jostas is supported by expertise in the UN and other partners. Jostas is a member of the CHA. We wish him well with the venture.

### Coronavirus Resources

The CHA has collated important resources that are relevant for all health services. Please let us know if there is anything that you have found useful to you in your work, and wish to share it. Latest additions concern staff health and wellbeing. <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/coronavirus.html>

### CHA Social Media

The CHA shares news on community hospitals across the UK on social media and on our website.  
Twitter: @CommHospUK please tag us #CommHosp50  
Linkedin: Community Hospitals Association  
Facebook: Community Hospitals Association  
Website: <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk>