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NEWSLETTER #19



Community Hospitals Association

Join our online forum to talk about Community Hospitals and innovative practice during Covid-19

The CHA & Q Community Hospitals Special Interest Group will be meeting online on **Wednesday 23rd February** from 7pm-8pm. All Welcome!

We will be hearing about two of the case study examples of innovation and good practice with regard to the role of community hospitals during Covid-19, to encourage sharing and learning – it should be a fascinating event.

Jules Kerr, Nurse Consultant from Southern Health NHS Trust will be talking about his Advance Practice Team and the Rapid Assessment Unit. Dr Adrian Baker will be talking about local decision-making in Nairn, Highland Health Board, and steps taken to keep the community safe.

Please register here:

<https://q.health.org.uk/event/how-have-community-hospitals-responded-to-covid-19-sharing-innovations-and-best-practice/>

Welcome to our Newsletter #19

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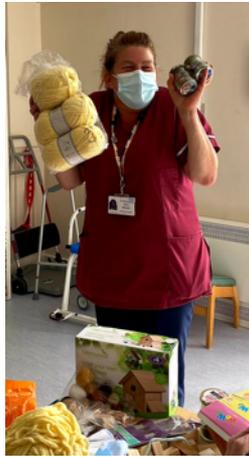
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Activities for Community Hospital Patients

Read about Anna Mitchell and her experiences as a Meaningful Activities Coordinator in her blog on our website <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/blog.html>

Anna shares the positive impact that this role has had on the lives and outcomes of patients in Launceston Community Hospital in Cornwall, and concludes “*Personally, I feel I have finally found my vocation.*”



Welcome to our new CHA Committee Member

We are delighted to welcome Sue Greenwood, Modern Matron and Clinical lead at Cornwall Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust. Sue has long been an active supporter of the CHA, and has contributed to our forum and discussions. Sue has been key to successfully establishing CATU (Community Assessment and Treatment Units) in community hospitals for frail elderly patients. For their CATU initiative Sue and her team attracted a commendation in CHA Innovations and Best Practice programme. Sue Greenwood is a Queen’s Nurse and has received an MBE for her services. We are delighted she is joining us.



Community Hospital News

Do read our news stories on our website: <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/news.html>
This is a selection.

* Crowborough MIU to Re-Open

Great news to hear about the planned re-opening of the MIU, which has been closed since August 2021. Richard Hallett, who is CHA Director and Treasurer, commented as a member of the Friends of Crowborough Hospital: *“The Friends of Crowborough Hospital have been talking to, and working with, Sussex Community Trust, behind the scenes about reopening the Crowborough MIU, and we are absolutely delighted that this much valued and locally important ‘urgent treatment service’ will soon be restored for the local community.”*

<https://crowboroughlife.com/crowborough-minor-injuries-unit-to-reopen/>

* Rye Hospital set to be the First Carbon Neutral Hospital in the UK

By the summer 2022 Rye Hospital will be the first carbon neutral community hospital in the UK. Rye, Winchelsea and District Memorial Hospital aims to reduce its carbon footprint by as much as 98% which is expected to save a significant 87.2 carbon tonnes per year through the removal of gas. This will be through changes such as the installation of solar panels, LED lighting throughout and air source heating. This will be a wonderful achievement.

<https://www.ryenews.org.uk/news/carbon-neutral-is-in-sight>



Rye Hospital



Martyn Phillips, (Chief Operating Officer)
Jo Douglas-Posnette (Trustee),
Barry Nealon (Chair)

* Good News for the Rothbury Community

After a long campaign to restore community hospital inpatient beds to the area, there is now good news for people living in and around the Rothbury area. Northumbria Healthcare Trust is developing a new flexible care service for patients in Rothbury that will see community treatment, NHS beds and much needed residential care for people in the area.

* Buckinghamshire patients to be sent to former hotel from hospital

Hospital patients who are ready to be discharged but still need support are to be sent to a former hotel to free up space. Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust said the temporary care facility would open to patients on Monday where *‘further support’*; would be given, it said. The trust runs two NHS acute hospitals, Stoke Mandeville and Wycombe, and five community hospitals in Amersham, Buckingham, Chalfont St Peter, Marlow and Thame. Community intermediate care beds have been closed in 3 of the community hospitals.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-60163044>

* **Hospital refurbishment brings services and clinics closer to the community**

Staff at Wantage Community Hospital are celebrating after receiving a string of five-star independent reviews from patients. The hospital, which launched a range of new services and clinics three months ago in newly refurbished rooms at the site, is at the centre of the community and is convenient for people who may otherwise have to travel further afield. One patient said: “*It is fantastic for local people.*”

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/hospital-refurbishment-brings-services-and-clinics-closer-to-the-community/>

* **Guisborough Community hospital could re-open its doors in February**

It is good news that Guisborough Community Hospital plans to reopen this month. Included in the new facilities are planned diagnostics, community mental health and dental services.

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/community-hospital-could-re-open-22837150>

* **Invergordon County Community Hospital Covid Outbreak**

Invergordon County Community Hospital announced its closure to new patients and visitors on Friday after it detected a small number of positive cases on site. Staff said contacts of those who have tested positive have been identified and given advice, and patients in the hospital are being monitored, with in-patient care continuing as normal.

<https://www.scotsman.com/health/covid-invergordon-county-community-hospital-closed-to-new-patients-after-outbreak-3555458>

* **Proposals to Reconfigure community beds in Essex**

The Mid and South Essex Hospital Trust gave Southend Council’s people scrutiny committee an update on a proposed reconfiguration of community beds on Tuesday, ahead of the launch of a public consultation.

<https://www.yourthurrock.com/2021/12/02/moving-frail-elderly-patients-could-leave-them-isolated/>

* **Have your say on future of community healthcare in South Lakeland**

The CCG proposes to reinvest £3 million per year from the cost of running the Langdale Unit community beds into recruiting 36 additional nurses, physios and occupational therapists in the community. The proposals would include commissioning care homes and some community accommodation for people if home isn’t the right place for them

<https://cumbriacrack.com/2021/11/17/have-your-say-on-future-of-community-healthcare-in-south-lakeland/>

* **Health Secretary Humza Yousaf meets with Edington Hospital Campaigners over reopening Edington Cottage Hospital**

Campaigners fighting for the reopening of the Edington Cottage Hospital have had a meeting with Scotland’s Health Secretary.

<https://www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/19859914.health-secretary-humza-yousaf-meets-edington-hospital-campaigners-reopening-facility/>

* **Kate Middleton and Prince William Visit Clitheroe Community Hospital**

Kate Middleton and Prince William are championing the mental health of healthcare workers and met with doctors, nurses and other health workers at Clitheroe Community Hospital. They also met Alfie, the cockapoo therapy puppy.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cu6ikmrhcF4>

Join the CHA

Do take advantage of our offer at the moment which is for free personal lifetime individual membership. This offer has been made in celebration of our 50 years as an organisation, and many have already joined our networks. We welcome membership applications from anyone involved in community hospitals including those working in the hospitals, receiving care, and supporting their community hospitals. We have been delighted to welcome new members from Leagues of Friends recently, and from staff from all disciplines. Do join our growing network.

<http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/joining-cha-membership.html>