



**Community Hospitals Association (CHA)
Newsletter #9**

Coronavirus COVID-19

Our newsletter focuses on coronavirus, how this pandemic is being managed as a public health emergency, and the role of community hospital staff and services. Thank you for all that you do.

Main Message to the General Public <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Stay at home Where possible, other than essential work or looking after others.

Wash your hands Please protect yourself and others

CHA Resources

The CHA has created a new page on our website, and 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. <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/coronavirus.html>

On this page you will find the WHO whatsapp group which gives updated information every day. And also the Gloucestershire e-learning course created by their respiratory team.

CHA Forum

We have an online forum which you may find helpful. The committee and our network will be monitoring this, and hopefully queries, concerns and suggestions can be easily shared amongst us. <http://www.communityhospitals.org.uk/forum.html#bn-forum-1-1-2825974946/10708>

Discussions by Zoom

The committee are meeting weekly by Zoom to talk about what is important with regard to the health services, the health of the population, and the challenges to us all. If anyone wants to talk via zoom to committee members, we can set this up very easily. Please stay connected and supported.

CHA Social Media

The CHA shares news on community hospitals across the UK on social media and on our website.

Twitter: @CommHospUK

Linkedin: Community Hospitals Association

Facebook: Community Hospitals Association

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

CHA News Stories

* Newmarket Community Hospital

Staff have been featured on twitter giving out positive messages during these extremely challenging times.



* Shotley Bridge Community Hospital

A chemotherapy unit was moved at 24 hours notice from University Hospitals of North Durham to Shotley Bridge community hospital. It was a mammoth organisational challenge. Space was created at the general hospital, and the service can continue at the community hospital.

* Worcester City Community Hospital

HEALTH chiefs have confirmed a city community hospital is earmarked as a coronavirus isolation facility. Worcester City Inpatient Unit has been chosen as there are many individual rooms to segregate each patient, preventing further contamination. A spokesman for Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust said: *"We are looking across our estate to support the community. Patients who are not well enough to stay at home but do not need hospital treatment will be able to rehabilitate at the site."*

* Simon Stevens Next Urgent Steps in Response to Covid-19

Simon Stevens, CEO of NHS England has given a key focus on creating bed capacity in the acute and community sectors. *"Community health providers and social care providers are asked to free up community hospital and intermediate care beds that could be used flexibly within the next fortnight."* Simon Stevens estimated that together with beds purchased from the independent sector, this may free up 10,000 beds. Simon Stevens stressed that *"COVID-19 presents the NHS with arguably the greatest challenge it has faced since its creation"* and thanks staff and leaders.

CHA Patron Roy Lilley

Roy has been giving the CHA committee advice and support. Thank you Roy. I am sure many of you already follow Roy's excellent and very pertinent newsletter. Roy.lilley@nhsmanagers.net
Thank you Roy for your beautiful artistry. Signs of Spring. Flowers for us all to share.



Contact

Please get in touch if you have a story experience or a practice that you would like to share and that you think might help others. Please get in touch if you would like to talk to any of our committee members – we have doctors, nurses, managers, those working in Leagues of Friends and researchers who would be pleased to talk to you, individually or as teams. Thank you.
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