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NATIONAL CONFERENCE 10/11 OCT GLOUCESTERSHIRE

“COMMUNITY HOSPITALS: LEADING BEST PRACTICES TODAY, SHAPING THE HEALTHCARE OF TOMORROW.”



The CHA is thrilled to host a national conference dedicated to promoting Community Hospitals in October this year. We extend a warm welcome to both CHA members and our Q Community Hospitals Special Interest Group.

Our fantastic and captivating programme focuses on innovation, best practice and quality improvements in community hospitals. We have a distinguished lineup of keynote and workshop speakers, spanning across the United Kingdom, whose sessions will inspire and engage. Our keynote speakers include:



DAME GILL MORGAN,
CHAIR
NHS GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICS



DR CHRISTINE BURT,
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION,
BIRMINGHAM CH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST



ROY LILLEY,
CHA PATRON &
THE ACADEMY OF FABULOUS
NHS STAFF

Whether you're a healthcare professional or simply passionate about healthcare in your community, this conference offers a wealth of knowledge and inspiration.



The CHA is very pleased to have the support of the Q Community for this event.

Please [download the programme](#) and [registration details here](#).



Professor Sir Chris Whitty



We were delighted to have a meeting with Chris Whitty, CMO England and UK Government Chief Medical Adviser to talk about community hospitals. Dave Seamark, Kirsty Protherough and Helen Tucker spoke about the role of community hospitals, evidence, best practice, community support and current issues.

Chris Whitty intends to visit a number of community hospitals to find out more about current practice, and is mindful of the needs of people living in remote and rural and coastal areas

“ *Community Hospitals are an essential part of provision for both inpatient and outpatient care for many citizens in England and the wider UK.*

They provide high quality, local and relevant care for many patients, and in particular older patients who often do not live in the major cities where acute hospitals are found. The UK is very fortunate to have Community Hospitals and the wide range of services those who work in them provide. Chris Whitty



READ MORE IN THE CMO REPORT ON HEALTH IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES [HERE.](#)

CHA Innovations and Best Practice Programme

We are delighted to say that Julia Fairhall, Assistant Director of Nursing at Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust has agreed to Chair the programme panel. We are very grateful to her, and we know she brings a wealth of experience to the programme.



This year the CHA is inviting submissions in the form of posters. These will be displayed at our [national conference](#) in October, when award winners will be announced. This will be a great opportunity to share good practice across a wider community hospital network. This year's awards will be open to entries from 1st July. Please follow this link:

[CALL FOR INNOVATION AND BEST PRACTICE POSTERS 2024 - DETAILS HERE](#)

Thank you so much to Evelyn Prodger for Chairing the I&BP to date.



JULIA FAIRHALL, I&BP CHAIR

Research

We are always pleased to learn of research that brings new knowledge on community hospitals and their impact on communities. Dr Hedman has recently published his thesis, and spoke to the CHA (Dr Seamark & Dr Tucker) to share his findings and discuss implications internationally.

[THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL MODEL IN NORTHERN SWEDEN](#)

Dr Mante Hedman Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Umea University, Sweden



DR MANTE HEDMAN

Dr Dave Seamark, Vice President CHA has commented on this important piece of research:

“ *Dr Hedman's work adds to the international community hospital literature and provides a real insight into the role community hospitals provide in the remote communities of Sweden.*

His work will help inform health planners in Sweden when considering the health care of isolated populations and also an example of models that might be applied to larger urban settings.



Nairn Community Hospital

A video of staff talking about their experience of working in Nairn Town and County Hospital and Primary Care Centre has just been made, to help promote the importance of integrated care and the value of co-location.



DR ALASTAIR NOBLE, THE CHA LEAD FOR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS IN SCOTLAND, INITIATED THIS VIDEO, AND IS PLEASED TO SHARE THIS WIDELY ACROSS THE UK.



DR ADRIAN BAKER, THE CLINICAL LEAD FOR THE SERVICE, SHARES HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT THE VALUE OF THE SERVICE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

You can watch the video here:



Blog

Q COMMUNITY BLOG ON THE COMMUNITY HOSPITALS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

We have an active Special Interest Group within the Q Community, which functions as a community of practice focused on Quality Improvement.

Our 15 evening discussion groups have been inspiring. It has been great to witness staff from these small and predominantly remote and rural hospitals connect across the UK. It has been great to witness staff from these small and predominantly remote and rural hospitals connect across the UK.

“ WE FOUND INSPIRATION IN HOW SMALL LOCAL HOSPITALS CAN SERVE AS VALUABLE TEST BEDS FOR INNOVATIVE THINKING AND IMPROVING PRACTICE WHICH BENEFITS PATIENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITIES.”

We have created [Resource Packs](#) on four of the topics discussed, which has helped us to capture the sharing and learning. We also share presentations and videos on our website. You are very welcome to [join our SIG](#) and to contribute to our network.

READ THE [BLOG HERE](#):



DR HELEN TUCKER & EVELYN PRODDER
CO-CONVENORS

News

Do visit our [news page](#) on our website where we share news on community hospitals across the UK. This is a summary of some of the most recent news stories.



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL AT THE FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

[The Forest of Dean Community Hospital](#) in Gloucestershire was formally opened by the Princess Royal, Princess Ann. [West Berkshire Community Hospital](#) was visited by Lord Stevens, Cancer Research UK Chairman. Staff at Nairn Town and County Hospital have contributed their thoughts and experiences in a video, which shows their team work and integrated working. Local support was shown to [Frome Community Hospital](#) when road repairs were carried out for free with donated services and materials from several local companies.

A mindfulness garden has been opened at Halstead Community Hospital (pictured). Cataract surgery is offered at Edgeware Community Hospital. [Bishops Castle Community Hospital](#) inpatient ward is scheduled to reopen in July.



WE'D LOVE TO SHARE YOUR NEWS; DO GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

Getting rehab spaces back at Paulton Community Hospital

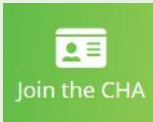
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A physiotherapist at Paulton Community Hospital wrote an article for the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy magazine about the creation of a new inpatient rehabilitation space. Ami Cook writes how funding from The League of Friends of Paulton Community Hospital enabled the conversion of an old storage area in to a functional and inviting space for patients to use. Read [more here](#)

Join our Networks

If you are not already a member, you are very welcome to join us.



- ◆ CHA personal [individual lifetime member](#) (free).
- ◆ We also offer [membership to organisations](#) such as NHS Trusts and Leagues of Community Hospital Friends. There is a small fee for this.
- ◆ You are welcome to join our [Community Hospital Special Interest Group](#) within the Q Community with a focus on Quality Improvement and sharing good practice.

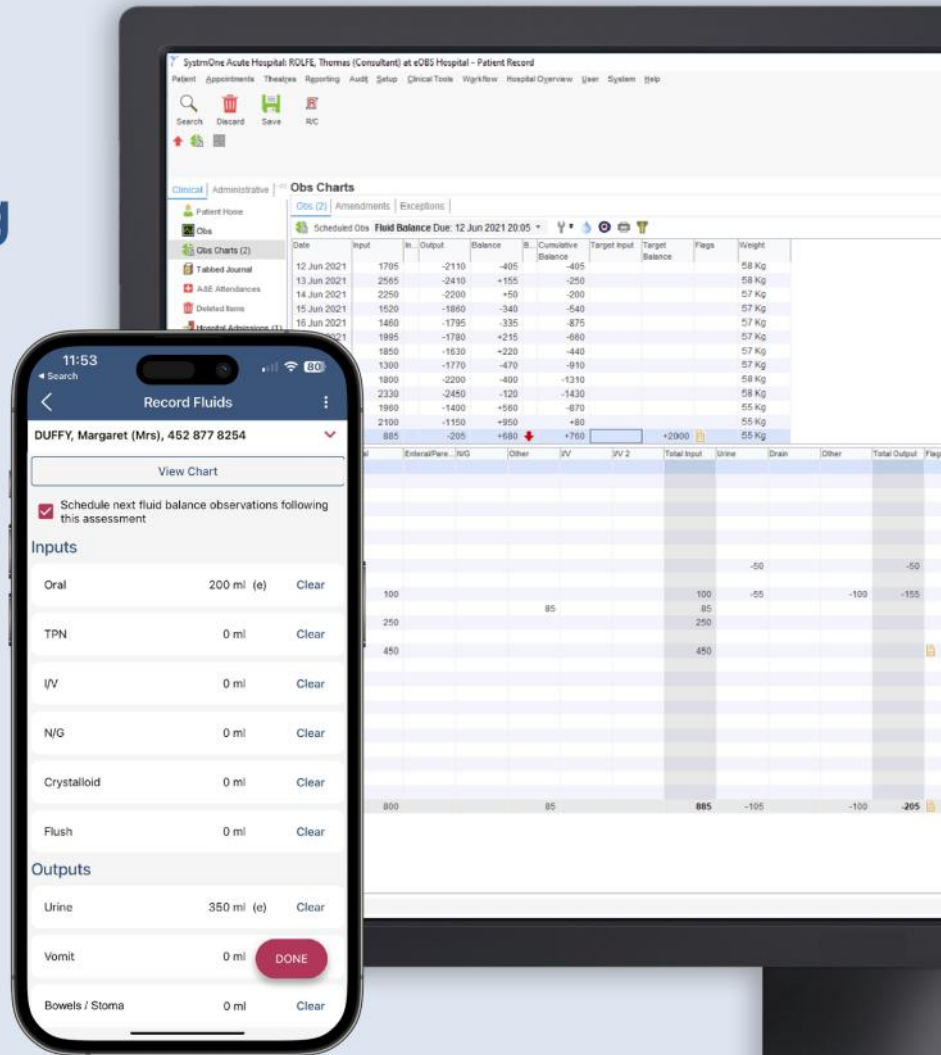
For any enquiries and further information, please contact eleonor@communityhospitals.net

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For information on how your Community Hospital can benefit from using SystemOne visit <https://tpp-uk.com/products/hospital/>



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