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CHARM Newsletter #1

Welcome to the first CHARM newsletter.

This newsletter features:

- * CHARM website news
- * NHS Benchmarking Network Survey 2016
- * Research Programme Update
- * Community Hospitals in Italy
- * NHS Proposals for Change

CHARM Website communityhospitalsresearch.org.uk

We are delighted to launch our new CHARM [website](#), an invaluable resource full of information on community hospitals from research studies and news stories.

The CHARM website is updated weekly, and you will find:

- Maps of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland showing where each community hospital is located.
- Information on community hospital services such as through videos
- Case studies from the CHA Innovations and Best Practice Programme
- News stories from around the UK
- Details of the Community Hospitals Research Programme

The scale and pace of changes for community hospitals is unprecedented, and the need to share knowledge, information, good practice and experience is more important than ever. We hope that the website is a useful resource for those working within health and social care, using the services, researching community hospitals, and supporting community hospitals. Do help us to keep it relevant to you, and do send your contributions. Positive feedback so far "*lovely to see a clear bright easy-to-use website.*" Thank you.

NHS Benchmarking Network

It has been the best year yet for the number of contributors to the [NHSBN Community Hospitals Survey](#). This will give us all invaluable information on community hospitals, including services, staffing, finance etc. Check that your organisation is taking part, and watch for the results in November.

Community Hospital Research Programme

16 community hospitals have agreed to be case study sites for our three studies, and researchers have been collecting invaluable data on different aspects such as patient experience, community engagement and efficiency. Updates, reports and published papers are being posted on our website.

Community Hospitals in Italy

Verdiana Morando from the University of Bocconi in Milan shared her research into models of intermediate care in Italy with our community hospital researchers. It was fascinating to hear that the Italian Government has decreed that for every 1000 population there will be .7 beds for hospital rehabilitation of which 0.2 are for sub-acute care or convalescence. Community hospitals have typically 20 beds. More details from Verdiana are being posted.

NHS Proposals for Change

Proposals for the configuration of local health services are signalling a major change for communities and their community hospitals. Plans have been released for Cumbria and Devon, proposing a reduction in the number of community hospitals with inpatient beds in the future. Consultations are taking place over the Autumn. We are posting [news](#) items on our website, as plans across the country are being released, and we are commenting on these in our [blog](#).

Save the Date

The Community Hospitals Association Annual Conference 2nd – 4th June
2017 in Manchester

Hearing from You

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