

Reshaping Care and the Scottish Association of Community Hospitals

Background:

Through their Reshaping Care Change Fund and Change Plans, all Partnerships aim to plan, design and provide services for older people in much more integrated ways between GPs, hospitals and community-based health, social care, housing, voluntary and independent sectors.

The Scottish Association of Community Hospitals (SACH) is very keen to work with all partnerships to support their Reshaping Care proposals.

What role do Community Hospitals have to play ?

“Developing Community Hospitals: A Strategy for Scotland” (2006) describes a modern vision for Community Hospitals. It describes their key strengths as:

- they can provide local access to a wide range of services, potentially on a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week basis
- they can promote a multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral approach to healthcare.

The Community Hospital is a local community resource centre which offers a bridge between home and specialist hospital care, through the delivery of both ambulatory and/or inpatient services closer to local communities.

Community Hospitals strengthen the primary/secondary care /community care interface and provide a focus for services that do not require the resources of a district general hospital, but are beyond the scope of the traditional primary care team.

Community Hospitals are well positioned to provide step down post-acute care and a safe, effective and person centred local alternative to acute care for selected older people.

Community Hospital staff are part of the extended Primary Care Team and have an important role in supporting anticipatory care, proactive management of long-term conditions, prevention of crisis episodes and provision of support for carers.

What is the Scottish Association of Community Hospitals?

The SACH is a non-profit making voluntary body which promotes the role and professional development of those working within or connected to Community Hospitals across Scotland, whether working within the hospital itself, within the extended Primary Care Team or with a voluntary organisation or independent provider with close links to a Community Hospital.

The SACH Vision is :

Community Hospitals and their teams remain capable, fit for the future, and play an integral part in supporting NHS Scotland to reliably improve quality, ensure value and deliver better outcomes for people closer to their home.

How can SACH membership help you Reshape Care ?

Membership of the SACH offers your Partnership

- Participation in a clinical community which already champions the ethos of Reshaping Care and works closely with the Joint Improvement Team, the Association of Community Health Partnerships and with Scottish Care
- Dialogue with a Scotland wide membership to help you exchange information and best practice in models of collaborative coordinated community care and support
- A learning forum, events and a range of products for education, training and professional development for practitioners and other staff engaged in community hospital, intermediate care, care home and extended primary care settings.
- Access to a range of Community Hospitals for training opportunities for staff working in community teams and care home settings

You can join SACH as

A CHP (a collective membership for all community hospitals within a CHP area)
A Community Hospital
A Care Home
A Practice Team
An individual

Check out the Website at www.scotcommhosp.org.uk

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