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WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY HOSPITALS UNDER THREAT

Over 80 community hospitals are affected by potential or actual reduction or closure of services, such as beds, clinics and minor injuries services.

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH 2006 10am-4pm
Attlee Suite Portcullis House Westminster

Objectives:

- **Share experiences and learning**
- **Identify possible solutions to maintaining and developing appropriate local community hospital services**
- **Develop a network of support and resources for communities and health care organisations**
- **Develop a Community Hospital Resource Pack**

CHA and CHANT are combining to run a workshop for those who are concerned about the future of their community hospital services. The workshop is aimed at community action groups and all other individuals and agencies who have a stake in the service.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to hear about the experiences of others involved in seeking ways in which to retain local services.

There will also be opportunities for working groups to consider particular aspects of current plans, addressing questions such as:

*Have local people been genuinely engaged in the process of planning service changes?
Has the consultation process met national guidelines and standards?
What can be done about temporary or emergency closures?
What is the basis for the proposed model of care?
Will reductions on community hospital services achieve financial savings?
How will proposed reduction in local community hospital services meet the government agenda to move services out of acute hospitals?*

Details of the workshop and applications for places will be posted shortly on the CHANT and CHA websites. A charge of £40 per place will be made to cover costs including lunch and refreshments.

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