



National Concern for Healthcare Infections
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PROFILE

National Concern for Healthcare Infections (NCHI) was formed by a group of individuals who had growing concerns over the issues of Patient Safety and all Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI). NCHI have identified a need to inform, support and represent the interests and safety of patients and all individuals affected by these worrying concerns. They are supported by a vast number of individuals who have all been affected directly or indirectly by medical harm.

May 2008: NCHI representatives Bev Hurst & Graham Tanner were amongst the 22 **Patient Safety Champions** selected throughout England and Wales. This is part of a joint National Patient Safety Agency/AvMA project to recruit patients to work in partnership with NHS Staff on Patient Safety. This is an action area of WHO World Alliance 'Patients for Patient Safety' initiative and implements a recommendation in Safety First (DoH 2006). **February 2009:** Bev Hurst was given a role on the first Global HCAI working group (WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety) Bev is the only UK patient representative on this group.

Northwest SHA: currently Bev is working in partnership along with Ann Bisbrown-Lee with the Patient Safety Action Team at Northwest SHA and is a Committee Board member on a number of projects to enhance patient safety.

NCHI has so far been very successful in raising a large number of issues on behalf of our members and the public as a whole, with various Government Departments/Agencies and other Health Organisations with regard to Healthcare Infections and Patient Safety Incidents. NCHI firmly believes that collaborative work with all the relevant interested parties is paramount in effecting change.

❖ Department of Health

- Chief Medical Officer
- Inspector of Microbiology & Infection Control
- Ministers for Health
- Patient & Public Steering Group for MRSA/HCAI: **Core Membership**
- Consultation on 'Patients Bill of Rights'
- Consultation on MRSA & C.Diff leaflets
- MRSA external reference group: **Core Membership**

❖ European Clinical Research and Development

- BSAC workshops
- Burden Project

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- HCAI & Antimicrobial Workshops/Seminars
 - IRN
 - National HCAI research network
 - Patients for Patients Safety workshops/Seminars
 - SIRN
 - SURF: *Core Membership*
 - UKCRC
- ❖ Health Research projects currently & have been involved in:
- BSAC Educational Workshops (Clostridium Difficile)
 - National HCAI research network
 - UKCRC Translational Infection Research consortiums (England and Scotland funding bids)
 - South Manchester University Research
 - Nottingham University Research
 - MRC funded research study I-STRAT trial: *steering group member*
- ❖ General Medical Council
- ❖ Healthcare Commission
- ❖ House of Lords
- ❖ International Alliance of Patients Organisations (Full Member)
- Bev Hurst assisted with the information for the Global Patient information Toolkit
 - Graham Tanner: editorial committee: the Global Patient Toolkit
 - Global Patients Congress 2008: Delegates Laura Probert & Graham Tanner
 - IAPO Patient Workshop: World Health Assembly: Bev Hurst
- ❖ Local NHS Trusts
- Directors of Infection Prevention & Control
 - Directors of Nursing
 - Medical Directors
 - Senior Nursing Lecturers
 - Seminars/Workshops
- ❖ MRSA Multidisciplinary Working Group
- MRSA: Separating Fact from Fiction Report 7th Jan 2008
- ❖ National Clinical Assessment Agency
- ❖ National Patient Safety Agency
- ❖ Health Overview & Scrutiny Committees
- Pennine Acute NHS Trust
 - Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale PCT
- ❖ Patient Safety Select Committees
- ❖ Spinal Injuries Association
- ❖ Specialist Nursing Agencies
- ❖ South Manchester University
- Antimicrobial Programme
- ❖ Thames Valley University
- Richard Wells Research Centre

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- ❖ Westminster Health Forum
- ❖ World Health Organisation – Patients for Patient Safety

Individual members of **NCHI** have been and still are involved in various consultations that are important to our members and that of the general public.

- ❖ Health Act 2006: Code of Practice for the Prevention & Control of Healthcare Associated Infections
- ❖ Reform of the Coroners system and Death Certification
- ❖ Reform of the complaints system
- ❖ Regulations of the NHS Redress Scheme
- ❖ NHS Constitution

NCHI will continue to be involved in any further consultations regarding the issue of Patient Safety

Bev Hurst was the sole presenter of the Patient/Relative perspective on the aftermath of contracting Healthcare Infections at the Launch of the new centre for Healthcare Associated Infections at Nottingham University in January 2007. An article regarding Bev's presentation at the launch of the Centre was published in the University of Nottingham's News Magazine. She had also previously solely presented the Patient/Relative perspective at Stockport Hospitals NHS Trust and Glaxo-Smith-Kline. The Patient/Relative presentation involves relaying the harrowing story of what Bev's Mum and her family went through when her mother was admitted to hospital for a perfectly treatable illness, contracted MRSA and sadly subsequently died.

NCHI have also been invited to be guest speakers at numerous conferences, seminars and more notably Infection Awareness events held by NHS Trusts to raise awareness to Healthcare Professionals. Neil Manser, Graham Tanner and Bev Hurst have been largely instrumental in this achievement.

- ❖ Healthcare Events Conferences
- ❖ Public Service Conferences
- ❖ Patient Safety Congress
- ❖ IPS National Training Day
- ❖ Improvement Foundation

NCHI have had numerous media interviews and publications in both local and national newspapers to raise awareness of Healthcare Infections, Incorrectly Written MCCDs and Patient Safety Incidents.

- ❖ BBC Radio 5 Live
- ❖ BBC Radio Bristol
- ❖ BBC Radio Manchester
- ❖ BBC Radio South Coast
- ❖ ITV Granada Reports
- ❖ ITV London
- ❖ BBC London
- ❖ BBC Look North News

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- ❖ Daily Mail articles
- ❖ Health Magazine Articles
- ❖ Nursing Times
- ❖ Various Local Newspaper Articles

The **NCHI** Public Information Booklet on Healthcare Infections is available and has already been distributed to a vast number of Healthcare Establishments, including several NHS Trusts, Care homes, Residential homes, Community Clinics and District Nurse Clinics. **NCHI** have also produced several more in-depth information leaflets on individual Healthcare Infections and Help Information leaflets on what to do next regarding going into hospital, contraction, having an inquest and the complaints system. The MRSA Multidisciplinary Working group in collaboration with **NCHI**, have produced the MRSA: Separating Fact from Fiction Report (this was initiated and sponsored by Pfizer)

NCHI has forged strong alliances with other charitable organisations and we are all committed to working together as one voice to raise even more awareness of the wider issues surrounding Healthcare Infections and Patient Safety. This also means collaboratively we have a network of expertise on every aspect of Healthcare Infections and Patient Safety Issues and can therefore signpost the correct support for any particular enquiry.

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