

Letters to the editor

nice, and may have support from patients and relatives who would prefer not to travel a long way to a busy hospital, but we need to prioritise the quality of care and facilities available. ■

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Response

Thank you very much for these thoughtful comments.

I completely agree about the dangers of the community 'band wagon' – the benefits and importance of developing community services require a more nuanced approach and a

better understanding of the evidence and opportunities that are available.

This theme is one that the new president of the British Geriatric Society, Dr David Oliver, is very keen on and he wrote an interesting commentary on this for the Health Service Journal recently.¹ ■

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References

- 1 Oliver D. Beware the false solutions to the NHS's challenges. *Health Service Journal*, 5 August 2014.



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