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THE GOLDEN AGE OF PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Celebrating the Work of Community Health Councils 1974 - 2003

Welcome to Volume Two of the Golden Age of Patient & Public Involvement. Volume One was distributed in October 2003 and consisted of seven key legal and policy documents produced during the final years of ACHCEW's life. Volume One has now been updated to include the collection of Annual Reports of ACHCEW.

Volume Two consists of publications, newsletters, briefings, articles and press cuttings celebrating the work of ACHCEW and Community Health Councils (CHCs) over almost 30 years.

The abolition by the Government of English CHCs and ACHCEW on 1 December 2003 brought to an end an outstanding period of patient and public involvement work. For the first time in our history, users of the NHS actively challenged local and national health bodies on every aspect of their performance and achieved spectacular improvements for patients.

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