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This article is aimed at the general public, nursing staff and health students. The article provides information about community nursing and is also delivered in an educational, explanatory manner.

The article is clearly presented and easy to follow with side headings, photographs and a diagram for the intended understanding of the reader. The article also focusses upon the difficulties that community nurses face and the importance of annual manual handling training. The difficulties faced by community nurses when caring for patients in their homes are also highlighted which include discussion of space constraints, and the patient's resistance to have hospital equipment in their homes. Another common problem made known in the text is that there appear to be insufficient staff currently employed, and working, within the community.

The information provided in the text is supported by published evidence throughout and emphasises the importance of the requirement for resources to enable mandatory manual handling training. The text summarises the important need for more resources to enable manual handling training to take place to maintain patients within the community to meet the requirements for staff, and patient safety, which can assist in reducing injury.