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Welcome!

Welcome to Issue 2 of the Yorkshire and the Humber Stroke Network News for 2015.

This e-bulletin aims to provide a focus on national and regional developments in stroke care and supports the sharing of research, advice and best practice across Yorkshire and the Humber. Additionally, this e-bulletin aims to highlight upcoming dates of importance and encourages staff and patients across the region to become involved in shaping the future of stroke care.

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Yorkshire & the Humber Stroke Clinical Expert Group (CEG)

It has been a year since the last meeting and there has been feedback that this gap has resulted in colleagues not being aware of various developments

across the region. The Y&H Stroke CEG has therefore been relaunched – as a Webinar! This enables participants to dial in via computer & phone rather than travelling.

The meeting is aimed at the Clinical Leads for Stroke Services across Yorkshire and the Humber, but the slides will be available on the SCN Website for all to access.

The first meeting was held on Wednesday 7th October, 5-6pm and the slides are available [here](#). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th January 5pm.

Early Supported Discharge Network

The SCN is pleased to inform you that work on ESD and community rehabilitation will recommence. Ginny Fieldsend will be picking up from the work started by Andrew Clarke. Apologies for the pause.

A meeting will be held on Thursday 17th December (1330-1630) in Wakefield. If you have an interest in this area, please get in touch with [Ginny](#) to ensure that she can include you in the developments.

Act FAST adverts return to air to highlight symptoms of stroke

Public Health England has announced that the national [Act FAST campaign](#) will again be broadcast on national television and radio channels. The campaign aims to make describe what happens when someone is having a stroke and encourages people to call 999 as soon as they notice any of the symptoms in others or experience symptoms themselves.

A separate strand of activity including TV, radio and press advertising will specifically target South Asian, Black Caribbean and Black African BME audiences. The campaign will coincide with World Stroke Day on 29 October.

NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare 2015: Stroke Services

A joint publication on collaborative work between NHS England, Public Health England and NHS Right Care regarding variation in services has recently been published. [The NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare: Reducing Unwarranted Variation to Increase Value and Improve Quality](#) contains information on variation in the quality, cost, activity and health outcome of healthcare, including information on stroke services.

NICE Guidance: Edoxaban for Preventing Stroke

NICE has recently published technology appraisal guidance (TA355) recommending the use of Edoxaban for preventing stroke and systemic embolism in people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation.

To read the guidance in full please click [here](#).

NICE Consultation: Mechanical Clot Retrieval

The Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee has considered mechanical clot retrieval for treating acute ischaemic stroke and NICE has now issued a consultation document about its safety and efficacy. This has been issued for four weeks' public consultation (until 5 pm, Friday 20th November 2015). To read the documentation and comment please click [here](#).

New CCG Report Available in SSNAP

Following the release of the latest SSNAP data (April - June 2015) please note a new national CCG report has been launched. The report can be accessed via the [SSNAP web portal](#) in Results > Clinical Audit > National > Annual Apr-2014 - Mar 2015 and contains information on the CCG Outcomes Indicator set.

Atrial Fibrillation Intelligence Packs

The National Cardiovascular Intelligence Network alongside The Stroke Association, the Royal College of GPs and the SSNAP Programme has produced intelligence packs around Atrial Fibrillation (AF) and how improvements can be made. The packs outline the current state of and provide advice on how to improve detection and treatment. For more information and to view the packs please click [here](#).

Stroke Oversight Group 22/09/15 Update

The latest Stroke Oversight Group was held on 22 September 2015. The meeting was well attended from across the North region of England and covered the following key topics:

- National and Regional Updates
- Nurse and AHP Consultant Role
- Learning from work undertaken in Atrial Fibrillation
- Specialist Emergency Care in Northumbria
- Early Supported discharge
- Stroke Association IT update
- Intra Arterial Thrombectomy

All notes and slides from the meeting are available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- Friday 6th November 2015, 13:30-18:00, **Advanced Diagnostic Imaging for Stroke Therapies**, Hilton Double Tree Hotel, Leeds.

The event is **FREE** to attend and aims to provide education and training for stroke physicians in stroke imaging.

To view the programme for the day click [here](#). To register for a place please email [Claire Kipling](mailto:Claire.Kipling). Note that this date is rearranged from 25th September (updated programme awaited).

- Monday 23rd November 2015, 0930-1530, **Carotid Stenting: Accessibility Depends on Postcode**, Medical Education Centre, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield.

The intention of this meeting is to review and demonstrate the modern practice of carotid stenting, and to explore the role that it may play within the wider stroke network. The event is free and is aimed at Stroke Leads.

To view the programme for the day click [here](#). To book a place or for more information please contact [Sharron Tansey](mailto:Sharron.Tansey).

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- Arrhythmia Alliance. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Stroke Association. Click [here](#) for the website.
- NHS Improving Quality. Click [here](#) for the website.
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