



Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks

## Yorkshire and the Humber Stroke Network News

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### Welcome!

Welcome to Issue 4 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.

If you have any questions with regards to the e-bulletin please get in touch via our contacts details, which can be found [here](#).

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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### Stroke Network Update

You may be aware that the work of the Strategic Clinical Networks (SCN) has been, and continues to be, under review by NHS England. This Service Improvement Architecture Review has affected the staffing capacity of the SCN and consequently a reprioritisation of work programmes has been undertaken with those programmes, as identified in the latest NHS England Business Plan, taking precedence.

A consequence of this reprioritisation is that the SCN staffing support to the Stroke network will be significantly reduced from the end of December 2015 until the final outcome of the Service Improvement Architecture Review is known, along with the budget allocation for 2016-17. This decision was not taken lightly and there has been recognition of the excellent work undertaken in the network. As soon as a final outcome from the review is known a further update will be provided.

Clinical Leadership for the Stroke Network will continue until the end of March 2016. Julia Jessop, SCN CVD Network Manager, will be working closely with Dr John Bamford, Y&H Stroke Clinical Lead, and mitigations will be put in place to ensure that essential work continues. The meetings [already scheduled for 2016](#) will continue as planned.

### **Changes to the Stroke Best Practice Tariff**

Monitor has recently released its 2016/17 national tariff proposals with a proposed change to the stroke best practice tariff. The proposed change is to criterion b in paragraph 131, whereby payment is only made where initial brain imaging is within 12 hours of admission. To read the proposals in full please click [here](#).

### **NICE Endorsed Decision Support Tool for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation**

NICE has recently endorsed a decision support tool to assist patients with atrial fibrillation (AF) and healthcare professionals make informed decisions about appropriate treatments. The tool is split into two parts and encourages partnership decision making between patients and clinicians. To read more and to access the tool please click [here](#).

### **NICE Eyes on Evidence: Digoxin and Atrial Fibrillation**

The latest edition of NICE Eyes on Evidence provides information on a large systematic review and meta-analysis, which has been conducted on more than 600,000 people with atrial fibrillation (AF), heart failure, or both. The review suggests digoxin is not associated with increased mortality for patients with AF. To read the review in full please click [here](#).

### **Sentinel Stroke National Audit – Two New Reports Published**

The Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) has recently published two new reports. The first report [Is Stroke Care Improving?](#) provides a review of the SSNAP annual report, which highlights where progress has been made and where further progress is required. The second report [Post-Acute Organisational Audit](#) focusses on the care of stroke survivors once they leave hospital and provides an outline of what patients could expect from these services.

### **The Possibilities are Endless – Stroke Film**

Film4 have produced a documentary based on the real life story of Edwyn Collins and his recovery following a major stroke. The film charts the patient

perspective and reflects what is both good and bad about hospital and community stroke services. For more information and to watch a promotional video please click [here](#).

In addition Edwyn Collins' partner, Grace Maxwell, has written an inspirational book charting his recovery journey. The book is called [Falling and Laughing](#) and is well worth a read.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 16:00-17:00, **Yorkshire and the Humber Stroke Clinical Expert Group**, via WebEx.  
Open to: Y&H Stroke Clinical Leads
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 10:00-12:00, **Stroke Nurses Workforce Group**, Room 4W12, Quarry House, Leeds.  
Open to: Y&H Stroke Nurses

For further information or to reserve your place please contact [helen.atkinson16@nhs.net](mailto:helen.atkinson16@nhs.net)

- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016, **Working Together HASU Phase 2 Workshop**, NHS Sheffield CCG, 722 Prince of Wales Road, Sheffield S9 4EU.  
Open to: South Yorkshire Stroke Commissioners, Stroke Providers – Clinicians, MDT, Managers.

For further information or to reserve your place please contact [kate.woods@nhs.net](mailto:kate.woods@nhs.net).

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016, 10:00-12:00, **Humber & North Yorkshire Stroke Event**, Health House, Willerby.  
Open to: Humber & North Yorkshire Stroke Commissioners, Stroke Providers – Clinicians, MDT, Managers.

For further information or to reserve your place please contact [michaela.golodnitski@nhs.net](mailto:michaela.golodnitski@nhs.net).

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 09:00-16:00, **Motivational Interviewing**, The Source, 300 Meadowhall Way, Sheffield, S9 1 EA.

Motivational Interviewing is a style of communication that uses a guiding/reflective style to engage with patients, clarify their strengths and aspirations and utilise their own motivations for change. If you spend your life explaining what your patient should, could, must or needs to do then this is the course for you.

For more information or to register for a place please click [here](#).

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 10:00-16:00, **Division 2 Clinical Research Network Meeting**, Hatfeild Hall, Wakefield.

Save the date for all staff working in Division 2 (Cardiovascular, Renal, Metabolic & Endocrine, Renal and Stroke Specialties) to attend a Clinical Research Network Meeting. Agenda and programme to follow. For more information please email [comms.crn yorkshumber@nhr.ac.uk](mailto:comms.crn yorkshumber@nhr.ac.uk).

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 16:00-18:00, **Yorkshire and the Humber Stroke Education Event**, Gledhow Wing, St James's Hospital, Leeds.  
Open to: The meetings will have something for all Doctors (senior or in training) who have an interest in stroke.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 14:30-16:30, **West Yorkshire Healthy Futures Stroke Meeting**, Horizon, Leeds.  
Open to: West Yorkshire Stroke Commissioners, Stroke Providers – Clinicians, MDT, Managers.

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## Links and Partner Organisations

- AF Association. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Arrhythmia Alliance. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Stroke Association. Click [here](#) for the website.
- NHS Improving Quality. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network. Click [here](#) for the website.

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