

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

12 March 2019

Cross Party Group on Stroke

1. GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICE HOLDERS

Chair: Dr Dai Lloyd AM

Assembly Members: Dai Lloyd AM; Julie Morgan AM; Adam Price AM; Nick Ramsay AM; Neil Hamilton AM; Huw Irranca-Davies AM

Secretary: Stroke Association

Other external members and the organisation(s) they represent: please see attached at A

2. PREVIOUS GROUP MEETINGS (SINCE THE LAST AGM)

Meeting 1

Meeting date: 18 September 2018

Attendees:

Dr Dai Lloyd AM - Plaid Cymru

Dr Jill Newman, Director of Performance, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Matt O'Grady, Stroke Association, Policy Information and Campaigns Officer, Wales

Helen Mary Jones AM – Plaid Cymru

Mark Isherwood AM – Welsh Conservatives

Rachel Jenkins – ABPI and Pfizer

Dr Anne Freeman OBE – Hon Consultant ABHB, former Clinical Lead for Stroke, Wales

James White – Stroke Consultant, Cwm Taf University Health Board

Jeannie Wyatt-Williams – National Exercise Referral Scheme, Welsh Local Government Association

Philippa Ford MBE – Public Affairs & Policy Manager, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

David Fitzpatrick – stroke survivor

Nick Cann – stroke survivor, LAS Award winner, Wales Advisory Committee Member and Ambassador/fundraiser for the Stroke Association

Daryl Harris – Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Dr Fiona Jenkins – Chair of the National Stroke Delivery Group, Exec Director of Therapies & Health Science, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board

Helen Hak – Occupational Therapist Section for Neurological Practice, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Stephen Davies – Stroke Implementation Group Co-ordinator

Ross Evans – Stroke Association, Head of Stroke Support

Charlotte Nicholls – Stroke Association, Public Affairs Officer (Minutes)

Attendees in north Wales:

Dr Jill Newman – Director of Performance, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Dr David Curran – Stroke Consultant, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Judith Rees – DGM Medical, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Gareth Evans – Head of Therapy Services, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Josie Wray – Matron, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB

Summary of issues discussed:

Dr Jill Newman gave a presentation about the work undertaken to scope the workforce requirements of potential future hyperacute stroke units in Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board.

JN highlighted that final decisions on the number of hyperacute units in north Wales had yet to be taken and outlined the principles being used during the redesign of units and the proposed service model. She suggested implications on the workforce and also gave attendees detail on the whole system requirements, including those around the post-acute pathway.

MO presented on the issue of post-acute stroke workforce and rehabilitation. He explained that the Cross Party Group on Stroke was taking a whole pathway approach to workforce, including acute and post-acute workforce in the same meeting. The Cross Party Group had covered stroke workforce in previous meetings. He presented recent SSNAP figures and the 2015 post-acute audit.

Action: Chair to write to local health boards asking for results of multidisciplinary, neuro-rehabilitation work and hyperacute unit modelling funded by the Stroke Implementation Group.

Meeting 2

Meeting date: 11 December 2018

Attendees:

Dr Dai Lloyd AM (Plaid Cymru)
 Ross Whitehead, Assistant Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner, Emergency Ambulance Services Committee
 Shane Mills, Director of Quality and Patient Experience, National Collaborative Commissioning Unit
 Dr Jill Newman - Director of Performance, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB
 Wendy Hooson, Senior Planning Officer, Betsi Cadwaladr
 Dr Fiona Jenkins - Chair of the National Stroke Delivery Group, Exec Director of Therapies & Health
 Mike Jenkins - Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
 David Fitzpatrick - stroke survivor
 Nick Cann - stroke survivor, LAS Award winner, ambassador/fundraiser/Committee Member at the Stroke Association
 Alexander Smith - Postgraduate Fellow, Cardiff University/Stroke Association
 Helen Hak - Occupational Therapist Section for Neurological Practice, Aneurin Bevan UHB
 Dr Sue Thomas - Royal College of Nursing
 Dr Brendan Lloyd - Exec Director Medical & Clinical Servs, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
 Nesta Lloyd-Jones - Policy & Public Affairs Officer, Welsh Confederation
 Stephen Davies - Stroke Implementation Group Co-ordinator
 Stephen Ray - National Healthcare Partnership Manager, Bayer Public Limited Company
 Niki Turner - HASU Programme Manager, Llandough Hospital
 Irina Erchovaia - Research Associate, Cardiff University, stroke survivor
 Jason Killens - Chief Executive, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
 Stephen Ray - National Healthcare Partnership Manager, Bayer Public Limited Company
 Stephen Davies - Stroke and Neurological Conditions Implementation Groups Coordinator
 Mike Jenkins - Regional Clinical Lead, Consultant Paramedic, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
 Marie Evans - Cwm Taf UHB, Planning & Performance
 Carol Bott - Director Wales, Stroke Association
 Katie Chappelle - Head of Influencing and Communications, Stroke Association
 Llinos Wyn Parry - Head of Stroke Support (Mid & North Wales), Stroke Association
 Matt O'Grady - Stroke Association, Policy Information and Campaigns Officer, Wales
 Jillian Haynes - Stroke Association, PA to Director Wales, Cross Party Group on Stroke Minutes

Summary of issues discussed:

SM and RW presented on the findings of the recent Independent Accelerated Programme for Amber Review. The model in Wales appeared to be more target driven, designed to respond to saving life. Harmonisation of opening hours of eg injuries units, was universally agreed as the best practice in Wales, as services

varied considerably according to the locality. Service quality measures were considered as crucial in reviewing the patient pathway and also for partnership working with other clinicians. Checks should be implemented to ensure that unacceptable waiting times do not occur, and that no harm is inflicted onto the stroke survivor that can be avoided.

There was discussion over whether the appropriate clinical response should be within the red or amber category.

KC stated that the Stroke Association's aim is to work with the ambulance service in order to set appropriate targets to bring the service in line with services in the UK.

SM suggested that targets can take the focus away from treatment needed; the key question is, what is important and how do we measure it? MO stated that the Stroke Association welcomes the 'whole episode' measure and is satisfied with the current amber classification. He also welcomed the pro-active engagement with those conducting the Review. However, he disputed the assertion there was no evidence for targets.

DF stated that his family has had a major call on ambulance services and he had observed lines of ambulances waiting to offload patients outside his local hospital on many occasions. Eradicating delays would help the patient experience run more smoothly.

Action: Chair to write a letter to the Cabinet Secretary to highlight the discussion points made and ensure appropriate consideration is given by the Cabinet Secretary.

Meeting 3

Meeting date: 12 March 2019

Attendees:

Dr Dai Lloyd AM (Plaid Cymru)

Dr Phil Jones, Clinical Lead for Stroke in Wales, Hywel Dda University Health Board

Dr Shakeel Ahmad, Clinical Lead for Stroke & Training Programme Director for Stroke

Dr Fiona Jenkins, Chair of the National Stroke Delivery Group, Exec Director of Therapies & Health

Dr Anne Freeman OBE, Stroke Hub Wales

Carol Bott, Director Wales, Stroke Association

Callum Hughes, Welsh NHS Confederation

Philippa Ford MBE, Public Affairs & Policy Manager, Chartered Society of Physiotherapists

Alexander Smith, Postgraduate Fellow, Cardiff University/Stroke Association

Emma Henwood, Policy & Public Affairs Manager, British Heart Foundation Cymru

Niki Turner, Hyperacute Stroke Unit Programme Manager, Llandough Hospital

Steve Ray, National Healthcare Partnership Manager, Bayer
 Carmel Donovan, Integrated Community Services Manager (Bridgend), Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
 Sandy Harding, Royal College of Nursing
 Tommy Price, Commercial Manager, Internal Medicine, Pfizer
 Elin Edwards, RNIB Cymru
 Katie Chappelle, Head of Influencing and Communications Wales, Stroke Association
 Matt O'Grady, Policy Information and Campaigns Officer Wales, Stroke Association
 David Fitzpatrick, stroke survivor
 Jillian Haynes, Stroke Association, PA to Director Wales, Minutes

Attendees in north Wales:

Judith Rees, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
 Maureen Barley, Physiotherapist, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Summary of issues discussed:

Annual General Meeting

Katie Chappelle nominated Dr Lloyd AM for the role of Chair for the forthcoming year. The nomination was seconded by several Members and Dr Lloyd accepted the position.

The secretariat role would be continued by the Stroke Association. Jillian Haynes would be standing down after two years and Matt O'Grady would take over the position. Dr Lloyd thanked Jillian for her support.

Katie Chappelle presented the Annual Report and the Financial Report to the Chair.

Meeting: 12 March 2019

Dr Jones gave a presentation on the Stroke Delivery Plan and work achieved to implement it to date. Dr Ahmad updated on atrial fibrillation and progress towards thrombectomy services for Wales.

Ms Pippa Ford enquired about the future of the Stroke Delivery Group and Stroke Implementation Group and future funding. Dr Jones stated that there was no guarantee that the money would continue after the financial year (2020-21). Dr Fiona Jenkins stated that Chief Executives were reviewing the function and roles of all the national major conditions delivery groups, but did not yet know the result of their considerations. She added that focussing on stroke solely, had enabled the Stroke Implementation Group to be effective. Discussion was also held on progress towards HASUs in Wales.

Matt O'Grady presented a paper on the proposed workplan for the Cross Party Group next year. A format change was proposed: rather than selecting several

issues for examination throughout the year, it was suggested that one issue only be reviewed per year and followed through so that attention could be focussed on obtaining specific results eg the Stroke Delivery Plan outcomes since its formation. Suggestions were offered for discussion.

The new format was agreed by Members and the focus for 2019-20 would be to monitor the progress of discussions and analyse improvements created by the Stroke Delivery Plan.

Discussion was held on what the priorities of the inquiry should be. It was agreed that the Cross Party Group on Stroke inquiry into the Stroke Delivery Plan would focus on four areas: 1) stroke prevention, 2) fast, effective stroke care, 3) life after stroke and 4) the future of the Stroke Delivery Plan.

Matt O'Grady stated that the current Task & Finish Group, which heretofore comprised of Dr Anne Freeman, Pippa Ford and Nicola Davis-Job, as well as Stroke Association colleagues, was open again to anyone who would like to participate. Emma Henwood stated that her British Heart Foundation colleagues would like to be considered and David Fitzpatrick also expressed an interest.

The next Cross Party Group on Stroke meeting would be held in June on a date and venue to be advised via the Cross Party Group on Stroke website.

3. PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND CHARITIES WITH WHOM THE GROUP HAS MET DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR

Nil return

Annual Financial Statement

12 March 2019

Cross Party Group on Stroke

Chair: **Dr Dai Lloyd AM**

Secretary: **Stroke Association**

Group's Expenses	No expenses paid	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods purchased	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies	No benefits received	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support	No financial support received	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality		
All refreshments paid for by the Stroke Association		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
18 September 2018	CH&Co - caterers at the National Assembly	£35.10
11 December 2018	CH&Co - caterers at the National Assembly	£56.94
12 March 2019	CH&Co - caterers at the National Assembly	£40.32
Total cost		£132.36