



Supporting professional development in stroke and neurorehabilitation care

Training and education report 2021

1. Background

The Greater Manchester Neurorehabilitation Network and Greater Manchester Integrated Stroke Delivery Network formally merged in October 2021 with both managing training programmes as distinct networks. This report captures the activity from both networks, when operating separately and then following the merger.

The development of local professionals involved with providing care and support to patients and their families is a priority for the network. The network's Training and Education Subgroup is drawn from a range of healthcare professionals from local inpatient and community clinical teams, with additional representation from local voluntary sector organisations and academics.

It aims to:

- Scope and collate current training provision, identify training needs and gaps in provision
- Develop new and/or co-ordinate existing training opportunities/materials and disseminate locally
- Develop/promote training competencies for stroke and neurorehabilitation care
- Work with other stakeholders to address NHS staff shortages
- Encourage sharing of best practice and peer support

The merged [networks website](#) has pages that signposts local and national training events and provides details of relevant courses as well as other online resources related to stroke and community neurorehabilitation care. There are tailored online training packages for stroke care aimed at different professionals via the networks Moodle E-Learning platform with a series of other E-Learning packages also available on the main website.

2. Key achievements

During 2021, the networks held most of its training virtually in the form of webinars due to ongoing pandemic restrictions for face-to-face events. Our training activity included:

- **18 webinars** with a total of **1355 healthcare professionals** registered for these events (table 1)
- Webinars were recorded and published on the networks [YouTube channel](#) which were viewed a total of **1653 times**

3. Feedback from attendees

Due to the limitations of hosting virtual events, only half were evaluated by attendees with 8 webinars rated as excellent overall and one rated as good. When asked how attending helped their own practice or their teams, there were many examples of positive impacts:

“Thanks for the very informative session. The resources will be very useful within our Neurorehabilitation service and I am now going to look at making links with our orthoptic services.”

“Clearly an expert in the field. Very detail orientated up to date information providing evidence to support the advice. Many changes now to my thinking and my practice regarding BP monitoring. Will definitely share with colleagues. Very helpful Q&A too.”

“Really informative and interesting session. Pitched at a high academic but understandable and clear level!”

Table 1. Greater Manchester training programme 2021

Webinar	Date	YouTube views	Registered Attendees	Average Evaluation Rating
Advanced Decisions of Care and Lasting Power of Attorney	15 th Apr 2021	3	126	Good
Advanced Vision	16 th Dec 2021	32	47	No data
Blood Pressure Management	11 th Feb 2021	583	92	Excellent
Blood Pressure Management	18 th Feb 2021	315	108	Excellent
Facial Palsy & Services in Gm	15 th Mar 2021	3	141	Excellent
Introduction to Spasticity	8 th Jan 2021	6	131	No data
Motor Neurone Disease Early management of nutrition, swallow and breathing in MND	9 th Dec 2021	26	80	Excellent
Neurogenic Bladder	9 th Nov 2021	39	13	Excellent
Neurogenic Bowel	24 th Nov 2021	26	13	No data
Patent Foramen Ovale	19 th Nov 2021	9	27	No data
Pathophysiology of Spasticity	9 th Sep 2021	187	54	Excellent
Prolonged Disorder of Consciousness	5 th May 2021	4	65	No data
Spasticity Neurosurgical Interventions	22 nd Jul 2021	14	36	No data
Spasticity Pharmacology including Botulinum toxin injections	30 th May 2021	2	70	No data
Spasticity Posture and Positioning	8 th Jul 2021	11	106	Excellent
Supporting Capacity assessment And How to involve aphasic patients in Best interest decisions	24 th Jun 2021	239	97	No data
Visual Impairment in Stroke and Neuro-Rehab Patients	16 th Jun 2021	151	111	Excellent
Weight Gain Management	11 th Jun 2021	3	38	No data