

Stroke Services in Norfolk

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The Norfolk and Waveney Stroke Network will update the committee on progress with recommendations made by the committee in 2014 and following the Review of Stroke Rehabilitation in the Community, November 2015.

1. Background

- 1.1 On 17 July 2014 Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (NHOSC) approved a report by its Stroke Services in Norfolk Task and Finish group with 21 recommendations for organisations involved in local stroke care.
- 1.2 The Norfolk and Waveney Stroke Network (the Network) undertook to co-ordinate responses to NHOSC from each of the organisations concerned and presented a report in November 2014. The committee's recommendations were all accepted or partially accepted and the Network explained the action that had already been taken in respect of each of them.
- 1.3 Representatives from the Network from the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NNUH), the Strategic Clinical Network (East of England) and James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (JPUH), attended NHOSC on 5 December 2015 and updated the committee on further developments in relation to the committee's original recommendations and on a subsequent 'Review of Stroke Rehabilitation in the Community' by the Network and Public Health, which was undertaken at NHOSC's request.

2. Purpose of today's meeting

- 2.1 The Network has been invited to today's meeting to update the committee on:-
 - (a) Progress on NHOSC's original recommendations for which further action was required at the time of the last meeting.
 - (b) Progress with implementation of the recommendations of the 'Review of Stroke Rehabilitation in the Community'

The Network's report is attached at Appendix A.

- 2.2 Representatives from the Network will attend today's meeting and members will have the opportunity to discuss progress with stroke services.

3. Suggested approach

- 3.1 After the Network representatives have presented the update report NHOSC may wish to discuss developments in stroke services, particularly in the following areas:-

- (a) NHOSC is aware that workforce shortages continue to be a challenge across NHS services. What is the trend in terms of availability of stroke specialist staff for local services in Norfolk?
- (b) Is the Network functioning as expected in terms of engagement with the regional Strategic Network and in its ability to drive the development of local services?
- (c) NHOSC's 2014 review noted the variability of stroke services / pathways across Norfolk and it is clear from the Network's latest report (Appendix A) that the variation is still there. Are the five CCGs moving towards collaborative agreement on commissioning equitable, comprehensive stroke services across Norfolk, from acute to longer term rehabilitation?



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