

Role Description for Stroke HIT Peer Director

The Stroke Health Integration Team

The Stroke Health Integration Team (HIT) brings together clinicians, commissioners, academics, care and support providers and other experts, as well as people who have had strokes and their families and carers. We are committed to preventing strokes and improving the lives of people affected by stroke through working together beyond the limits of individual organisations, in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG). Local stroke prevention, treatment and care services need to be improved and to be more accountable to local patients, carers and the public.

To find out more about the Stroke HIT go to:

<http://www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/health-integration-teams/stroke-hit/>

Role of Stroke HIT directors, including peer director (*these are shared responsibilities amongst all Stroke HIT directors*)

- Set overall objectives and priorities for the HIT
- Guide and oversee the workstreams to facilitate HIT initiatives
- Feedback to BHP through quarterly summaries, annual reports and financial statements
- Oversee new funding applications
- Liaise with Stroke HIT coordinator and Bristol Health Partners project managers to ensure progress against milestones
- Chair Stroke HIT executive group meetings when Chairperson is not available

Time commitment for Stroke HIT peer director

- Meeting with workstream leads 4 times per year to decide upon overarching priorities for the individual workstreams
- 2 to 3 meetings per year between co-directors
- Emails to respond to queries, mainly from the coordinator, to help keep things on-track, shaping up the next Directors meeting agenda
- Sign-off quarterly and annual reports for Bristol Health Partners, drafted by the coordinator together with input from individual workstreams and fellow directors.

Reimbursement

Reasonable time and travel costs (agreed in advance) can be paid in accordance with People in Health West of England guidelines.

Aims and objectives of the Stroke HIT

The overall aim of the Stroke HIT is to achieve the best quality of life for people and families affected by stroke.

We will focus on five key areas, to improve stroke prevention and care in our region:

- It's better to prevent a stroke than to treat one
- Improving immediate ("hyperacute") stroke treatment

- Improving recovery, care and support after stroke
- Supporting improvements through research
- Supporting improvements through training and education

Who's involved

Stroke HIT's Directors include people from different health care backgrounds:

- **Dr Phil Clatworthy**, Consultant Stroke Neurologist, North Bristol NHS Trust
- **Professor Mark Pietroni**, Director for Public Health, South Gloucestershire Council
- **Dr Ann Sephton**, GP, Medical Director for Sirona and lead for the Community Education Providers Network

Other people in the Stroke HIT team:

- **Lead for patient and public involvement: to be appointed**
- **Lead for education, training and skills: Jayne Weare, Head of Therapy Services, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust**
- **Lead for research strategy:** Professor Pat Kehoe, Professor of Translational Dementia Research, University of Bristol
- **Lead for evaluation and stroke services research:** Dr Mary Cramp, Associate Head, Allied Health Professions, University of the West of England
- **Clinical lead for acute care:** Dr Justin Pearson, Consultant Stroke Neurologist and Stroke Clinical Lead, North Bristol Trust
- **Management lead for acute care:** Rhona Galt, General Manager, Division of Neurosciences and Musculoskeletal, North Bristol Trust
- **Management lead for community (health):** Lee Colwill, Programme Lead for Stroke and Rehabilitation, North Somerset CCG
- **Management lead for community (local authority):** to be appointed
- **Lead for public health:** Vivienne Harrison, Long Term Conditions Public Health Lead, Bristol City Council
- **Lead for social care:** to be appointed
- **Therapies clinical lead:** Stephanie Ticehurst, Professional Head Adult / Acute Speech and Language and Hearing Therapy Services, North Bristol Trust
- **HIT project manager:** Emily Dodd

Projects and activities

Current work is focused on the Stroke Care Pathway Review which will significantly change the way services are provided across BNSSG; enhancing opportunities for the public, including people affected by stroke, to shape new services; and developing research that will provide an evidence base for new treatments and ways to deliver care.

Stroke HIT Peer Director – person specification

Essential criteria

- Has been closely affected by stroke – as a person who has experienced a stroke, cared for or supported someone with a stroke
- Interest in improving prevention and treatment of strokes for all people in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire
- Able to read or listen to and weigh up arguments; and express own views, with support if necessary
- Able to share director responsibilities (as per Role Description for Stroke HIT Peer Director), with support if necessary
- Can commit to time required (as per Role Description for Stroke HIT Peer Director).

Desirable criteria

Previous experience of public engagement - for example as a contributor, leader or developer of activities and programmes.