

Written submission – The Stroke Association

The Stroke Association would look to each area having a stroke service which reflected the Stroke Strategy and subsequent policies which have emerged since its publication in 2007 which provide a quality framework and a stroke pathway that reflects this.

This is a stroke service that provides

- Prevention
- Awareness
- Initial assessment
- Ongoing assessment
- Transfer of care
- Ongoing care

Provided through

- A specialist hyper acute stroke unit
- An acute stroke unit
- A rehabilitation unit
- Early supported discharge
- Community stroke support

Key areas that the accelerated stroke programme identified are

- AF (Atrial Fibrillation) detection and treatment
- Direct admission to a stroke unit
- Scanning in a timely manner
- Timely and effective management of TIA (Transient Ischaemic Attack)
- Psychological support
- Early Supported discharge

Other services which are required are

- Information provision
- Carers support
- Stroke reviews

Looking at the proposals that are currently being consulted on we would also expect that this service was designed to accommodate the number of people who are experiencing a stroke in the area.

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