

Supporting stroke and TIA in primary care



Greater Manchester Stroke
Operational Delivery Network

Over 6,000 people a year have a stroke in Greater Manchester, with many others experiencing a Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA).

Following service re-design in 2015, the region now has the best performing hospital care pathway in the UK, with work underway to improve community rehabilitation and stroke prevention.

The Greater Manchester Stroke Operational Delivery Network has developed opportunities to help GP practices better recognise and refer stroke/TIA patients, and to support recovery when stroke survivors are discharged home, including a focus on reducing risks.

Support available includes:

- Free online training package covering understanding and recognition of stroke/TIA, treatment in hospital and by community teams as well as secondary prevention – awaiting CPD accreditation by RC GP (4 credits)
- 1-3 hour face to face training session that can be delivered as part of education facilitated by the CCG or on a locality basis
- Face to face training courses on specific topics including a forthcoming masterclass on exercise and activity, with a “life after stroke” event held each September
- A check list that can be used in the 2 week period following discharge to ensure risks are well managed – we are exploring integrating this into EMIS
- A website which also includes pages signposting key information for clinicians on driving advice, TIA and secondary prevention
- A voluntary service directory that can be searched to identify local life after stroke support provided by the voluntary sector and others



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