

Our First Year

Research... Innovation... Education

'Bringing together Wales' stroke experts to use evidence based care, research and innovation to help prevent and reduce the debilitating impact of stroke'

Stroke is one of the top causes of death and a leading cause of adult disability. According to the Stroke Association, 7 400 people will suffer a stroke and Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA) in Wales per year and there are almost 66,000 stroke survivors.

Stroke research, innovation and education are critical enablers in the health of our nation. They contribute to the effective delivery of evidence-based medicine in our NHS, attracting investment and high quality research talent and are vital for laying the foundation for the next phase of health and social care delivery in Wales.

The Stroke Hub Wales (SHW) was launched on the 9th of November 2017 and is a Welsh Government funded initiative. Our vision is to achieve a step-change in high impact stroke research for the benefit of the health, wellbeing and prosperity of the people in Wales.

Our aims

- Set up a research agenda and funding streams
- Build an infrastructure able to deliver a stronger portfolio of research
- Create a sustainable research environment



Our Achievements so far -

- Launch of SHW - 09.11.17 - Establishing relationships with 7 Welsh Health Boards (HBs), >8 Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), >8 Funding bodies and > 20 Charities and third sector organisations.
- Launch of the twitter handle - 05.10.17 **@StrokeHubWales** - a platform for keeping interested parties up to date on news, events and developments as they happen.
- Launch of the webpage - 25.10.17 **www.stroke.wales** a central resource for stroke clinicians, Allied Health Professionals (AHPs), researchers and members of the public.
- Welsh Stroke Cochrane Fellowship -2 awarded on 29.01.18 facilitated by SHW, between Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cochrane Collaboration and the University of Glasgow
- Delivered Public Health Engagement and Education Events - >15 Stroke Research, Innovation, Education and Care outreach events.
- Dissemination of >8 portfolio studies to HBs.
- Public Health Awareness Campaigns - SHW facilitated and helped in collaborations between HBs, HEIs, charities, and industry in the involvement of May Measurement Month (www.mmmwales.com) and helped in recruiting >2500 people on this initiative.
- Mapping exercise - highlighting and bringing together research, education and innovation projects throughout our HEIs and HBs in Wales for all.
- 'Get Involved' -15.05.18 - An exciting new initiative for the Welsh population to get actively involved in stroke research. Please visit **www.stroke.wales/getinvolved/**
- Facilitated poster writing and grant writing sessions - poster presentation at Welsh Stroke Conference 2018 (04-05.07.18), awarded Innovate U.K.
- Re-established Stroke Association Lectureship (Wales) in collaboration with Health and Care Research Wales and HEI.

Projects in preparation -

- Stroke Research, Innovation, Education and Care Symposia (Bangor University, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Wrexham Glyndwr University).
- SHW Public and Patient Involvement Panel.
- Grant and publication applications and courses.
- SHW Stroke Summer School in collaboration with Welsh Stroke Conference.
- National Education Framework for Stroke in Wales (NEFS). The work of the Welsh Stroke Conference team will expand to produce many more multidisciplinary and uniprofessional learning opportunities throughout the year. The new website will keep the workforce in Wales informed of local and national events and also will have links to many online educational opportunities.

We are here to serve our Welsh Stroke clinicians, AHPs, stroke survivors, families, carers and public interested in Stroke Research. So 'Get Involved' and together we can make a difference!