

**Lothian & Borders Stroke MCN  
Training & Education Subgroup**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
Minutes**

**Present:**

Gillian Currie	Stroke Education Facilitator, (Lothian & Borders)
Gillian McClure	Physiotherapist, SJH
Mark Smith (chair)	Consultant Physiotherapist

**Apologies:**

Caroline Allan	Senior Clinical Education Practitioner, RIE
Elizabeth Eadie	Sonographer, WGH
Ros Fraser	Speech and Language Therapist
Vanessa Hamilton	Dietitian, WGH
Morag Medwin	Stroke MCN co-ordinator
Pat Taylor	Charge nurse, WGH

**action**

**1. Welcome & apologies**

A request was received from Caroline Allan, as although she has been unable to attend any of these meetings she would like to be kept on the distribution list for minutes. She noted that the stroke unit is included in her remit at RIE, but her capacity to attend is very limited. Morag had previously confirmed that Pauline Halliday attends the meeting, representing RIE stroke unit.

**2. Minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

These were agreed to be accurate.

**3. Actions/updates from previous meeting**

Follow-up with managers for non-attenders

Emails have been sent to line managers following up on non attendance on CCIS1 and CCIS2 courses and the response has been favourable. On most occasions it has been an oversight that the Stroke Education Facilitator has not been informed of non-attendance and line managers have been apologetic.

CEC extra training days

Gillian C reported that two extra Stroke Awareness Days have now been scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November at City Chambers with admin support from CEC. Gill Murray and Linda Gibson will also support these. It has also been clarified by Jackie Sloan at CEC that only one additional Stroke Awareness Day is now required in 2015.

**4. CHSS update**

**4.1 Completed training**

18<sup>th</sup> June – Acute Stroke Management

This day was designed to meet the needs of nursing staff working in acute stroke settings. This proved to be a worthwhile study day with attendance from nursing staff from all sites apart from SJH. 21 staff attended overall. Gillian C reported that the evaluation was mixed as there was a range of level of experience amongst attendees. Some of those more qualified nurses felt that they were looking for more specialist information. But those who were newer to stroke found it invaluable.

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> September – Current Care in Stroke Part 1

20 staff attended and one DNA which was followed up with line manager.

#### **4.2 Future training sessions – 2014 programme, strategic approach**

##### Increase in number of stroke awareness days for council

(See above under section 3)

7<sup>th</sup> October – 15 staff registered

5<sup>th</sup> November – 16 staff registered

- Stroke Awareness (13<sup>th</sup> Nov)  
15 places available to CEC staff awaiting names. Three registered also from East Lothian Council (Fa'side Lodge).
- CCIS2 (25/26 Nov)  
19 staff currently registered.

It was raised that EventBrite can no longer be used for registering staff for Single Stroke Study Days. According to IT security: *EventBrite has been blocked by the IT Security policy as personal information is shared between third party companies and social media sites (HR policy).*

Gillian C reported that this is unfortunate as the EventBrite account held at CHSS was solely for the purpose of Lothian stroke training events and was never publicised on social media. Mark raised that there could be merit in raising this with IT and explaining the circumstances further as it had been such a successful route for ease of registration.

The Stroke training programme for 2015 will be circulated in due course via Stroke MCN. Not available yet to wider teams due to addition of extra stroke awareness day for CEC and inclusion of STAT dates, which are still to be confirmed. It is hoped that an electronic booking form can be developed as faxed registrations can no longer be sent from NHS. It was also discussed that an extra CCIS 1 course could be added to meet the needs new and rotational staff as numbers applying have remained consistently high during 2014. Gillian C to contact relevant speakers re this.

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#### **4.3 Single study days**

##### 28<sup>th</sup> October – Hearing Loss – SJH

Following on from the success of the Sensory Awareness and Stroke Sensory Champion Training earlier in 2014, a half day session on hearing loss is being offered to staff at St John's Hospital. It has been circulated to staff from SJH stroke unit, REACT and CRABIS initially and will also be opened up pan Lothian but we want to encourage as many staff from SJH and West Lothian to attend in the first instance. Gill McC agreed to promote with her staff and colleagues at the SJH stroke unit, as only registrations from SLT and PT have been received so far.

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#### **5. Ad hoc courses / initiatives**

##### **5.1 Stroke Outreach Nurses / STAT**

Gillian C reported that she attended the STAT session on 8<sup>th</sup> August at the RIE and is liaising with Trish Elder-Gracie to include the STAT 2015 dates within the CHSS Stroke Training Flyer for 2015.

To date, the following staff have attended the STAT sessions:

23<sup>rd</sup> May & 8<sup>th</sup> August: 12 nurses

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RIE – 3 ED and PAA nurses (3)  
 SJH – Charge & deputy charge nurse, 2 staff nurses – stroke unit (4)  
 WGH – Charge & deputy charge nurses, outreach, MAU nurse. (5)

Details of the next two sessions (26<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> November) have been circulated and charge nurses are encouraged to book their senior nurses onto the training.

A MedSTAT half-day session has been arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Post-meeting note:**

A further six staff have attended 26<sup>th</sup> Sept and 7<sup>th</sup> Nov sessions:

RIE – 2 deputy charge nurses (ASU), 3 ED nurses (5)

WGH – stroke unit nurse (1)

The 2015 dates for STAT have been agreed, and details circulated widely.

19<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 15<sup>th</sup> September.

MedSTAT dates: 17<sup>th</sup> February, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## **5.2 Sensory champions**

Gillian C reported back on the Sensory Champions outlining that she had attended a mentoring day, for those already trained, on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Katharine Jackson is continuing to provide support and guidance for referrals for pre-existing hearing and sight loss post-stroke. Mark suggested that following the initial Sensory Champion Training in 2014 could we perhaps look to provide a Single Stroke Study Day on Sensory Rehabilitation in 2015, linking in with the ongoing work at ECSS.

## **6. NHS Borders – training & funded projects**

### **6.1 NHS Borders training**

Gillian C noted that AHP staff have been regularly attending CCIS1 and CCIS2 training in small numbers. There will continue to be designated places available on 2015 courses.

## **7. Measuring staff competencies (training template)**

### Stroke Improvement Plan – priority 4

There was discussion around whether we are being measured on completion of STARs Core Competency online training or completion of Current Care in Stroke Part 1. Further clarification on this is required, and Mark will speak to Katrina Brennan to confirm. It was suggested that perhaps all staff who book on CCIS1 have to prove that they have completed STARs online. They would be required to provide their date of completion or show certificate to Gillian C when they attend CCIS1 training. Gillian C also raised the issue of rotational AHPs attending stroke training courses and how to support this as there is not always access to CCIS1 training that fits in with rotation timescales. By increasing the number of CCIS1 courses from 3 to 4 this may help but it remains an issue.

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## **8. Any other business**

There was no further business.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015

14.00 - 16.00, seminar room, ward 101, RIE

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