

5th - 6th November 2024, Sheffield University Campus, Halifax Hall

Day 1: Tuesday, 5th November 2024

11:45 Registration

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Welcome, intro, scene setting

Dr Rachel Farrell, consultant neurologist, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery

Diagnosis and assessment

13:15 Pathophysiology

Dr Damon Hoad, consultant in rehabilitation, Central England Rehabilitation Unit and Clinical Academic of Neurological Rehabilitation, Warwick Medical School

14:00 Measuring and assessment

Dr Stephen Ashford, senior clinical lecturer and consultant physiotherapist, Regional Hyper-acute Rehabilitation Unit & King's College London, Northwick Park Hospital

- Functional measures
- Patient-centred assessment and associated goal planning (inc GAS)

14:45 Learning through case studies:

Dr Rachel Farrell, Dr Damon Hoad, Dr Stephen Ashford

- Interactive diagnosis and assessment facilitated group work?
- Baseline measurement and measuring outcomes for goal planning
- Treatment planning inc spasticity passport

15:30 Break

16:00 Become a 'Spasticity Sherlock'

Liz Keenan, lead clinical nurse specialist, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust & Lynsay Duke, professional lead neurological occupational therapist, Centre for Neuro-Rehabilitation and Neuropsychiatry & Wendy Hendrie MS specialist physiotherapist, Norwich MS Centre

17:00 Q&A

17:30 Close



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18:45 Pre dinner drinks

19:15 Dinner

21:00 Close

Day 2: Wednesday, 6th November 2024

Interventions and treatment

08:30 Optimising treatment

Liz Keenan

• Management of aggravating factors - pain, skin, bladder

09:00 Pharmacologic interventions and treatment options

Dr Rachel Farrell, Dr Stephen Ashford

- Systemic drugs, intrathecals and toxins
 - o dosing and getting this right for the patient
 - o importance of ongoing goal setting /reviewing for optimisation
 - o localisation for BoNT injection: EMG, E Stim, Ultrasound
 - o national guidance on cannabis-based medicinal products

10:00 Non-pharmacologic interventions and treatment options

Wendy Hendrie, Lynsay Duke

- Physical strategies
- Splinting and orthotics

10:45 Break

11:15 Surgical management and SDR

Susan Stevenson, specialist surgeon, The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (TBC)

at what point to refer



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11:45 Management - a whole-person approach

Wendy Hendrie, Lynsay Duke

A whole-person approach

- 'Everything impacts spasticity and spasticity impacts everything'
- Bladder, bowel and sexual dysfunction

Education, self-management and tailored support

- Self-management and self-identification
- Educating people with spasticity, their family and carers to self-manage their issues on a 24/7 basis
- includes supported self-management
 - o posture and positioning
 - o supported physical management where someone cannot self-manage

13:00 Lunch

Optimising services

14:00 Transitioning

Liz Keenan, Dr Rachel Farrell, Lynsay Duke

- specialist transition services (quick overview)
- supporting paediatric to adult transitioning across the care pathway

14:30 Patient-centred, policy-focused: getting services right

Dr Stephen Asford, Lynsay Duke

- A multidisciplinary approach to care: spasticity service requirements review against national guidelines (RCP, NICE etc)
 - o role of the pharmacist in the service?
- Care pathways community, general and specialist ICS development and delivering care closer to home through new systems like devolved support
- Building a 'good' spasticity service

15:15 Break

15:30 Research trajectories

Dr Damon Hoad, Dr Stephen Ashford

- Horizon-scanning and signposting
- Potential trials to recruit to



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16:00 Gaps in knowledge & services

Expert panel discussion

Dr Damon Hoad, Wendy Hendrie, Lynsay Duke, Dr Stephen Ashford, Dr Rachel

Farrell & Liz Keenan

17:00 Final questions

17:15 Close