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Neurological Disability

This is the third briefing on local CCG priority topics in Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland. We hope it gives you a taste of relevant information resources. Please let us know your views about the usefulness of this approach.

Where to start?

We at InfoPoint think this topic needs a couple of words of introduction, as it departs from our previous editions that have focused on particular conditions. This one looks at the consequences of a range of conditions affecting the nervous system among adults, and how these might be managed. One consequence of this is some rather longer lists than in earlier editions.

However, if this is your first look at this topic, you may be wondering - where do I start looking? How do I go about finding information? Where do I get the latest and most up to date information? A good starting point is to find out if there are any local networks or groups working in your area.

Local networks and information………

North East Neurosciences Network
http://www.nenp.org.uk/about-us/nenn.aspx

Neurological Service North of Tyne
http://www.ntw.nhs.uk/sd.php?l=3&d=9&sm=35

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessments
Gateshead JSNA   http://alturl.com/h8zgb
South Tyneside JSNA   http://alturl.com/ezddi
Sunderland JSNA   http://alturl.com/bqwnu

Headway
http://www.headway.org.uk/branches/gateshead.aspx

Disability North
http://www.disabilitynorth.org.uk/

North East Public Health Observatory
Hospital admissions for neurological conditions in North East of England (2012)
http://alturl.com/re8ng
Health Needs Assessment for Long Term Neurological Conditions in North East England (2009)
https://www.nepho.org.uk/publications.php5?rid=690

What about further afield?

The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
A national medical charity helping people affected by brain injury.
http://www.rhn.org.uk/

Neurological Alliance
Intelligent outcomes: applying the health and social care reforms to improve outcomes for people with neurological conditions
http://www.neural.org.uk/updates/205-Improving neurological outcomes in the new NHS

Good Practice and Innovation
The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
http://www.rhn.org.uk/commissioners-and-referrers/

In a hurry - want some pointers?

One quick starting point - search on "neurological long term conditions" in NHS Evidence (as well as your usual web search!).

What about new stuff? How do I keep up to date?

The Improvement Network (TIN) These bulletins contain the latest NICE guidelines, systematic reviews, economic evaluations, health technology assessments, newly published articles, the latest journal tables of contents and NHS Behind the Headlines news stories. Once you register for this service, you can usually select the topics you want alerting to and how often you want to receive them.
http://www.tin.nhs.uk/welcome/keeping-up-to-date/bulletin-menu/

Service Delivery & Management

The serious stuff………

Department of Health – key document
The National Service Framework for long term conditions (2005)
The NSF sets 11 quality requirements to transform the way health and social care services support people with long-term neurological conditions to live as independently as possible.
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4105361

Care Services Improvement Partnership
Commissioning services for people with long term neurological conditions (2007)
http://icn.csip.org.uk/_library/LTN_conditions_commissioning_final_06.07.pdf

Considerations for commissioning: an action planning workbook for the strategic commissioning of services for people with a physical and/or sensory impairment (2008)
http://icn.csip.org.uk/_library/Considerations_for_Commissioning_PSI_services.doc

National Audit Office
Services for people with neurological conditions. December 2011
http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/1012/neurological_conditions.aspx

NHS Modernisation Agency
Action on Neurology (2005)
http://www.natpact.info/uploads/2005_Apr/Action_On_Neurology.pdf

The official stuff………

National Collaborating Centre for Women's and Children's Health
Spasticity in children and young people with non-progressive brain disorders: management of spasticity and co-existing motor disorders and their early musculoskeletal complications. July 2012
http://www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/live/13803/60023/60023.pdf

NICE
CG137 The epilepsies: the diagnosis and management of the epilepsies in adults and children in primary and secondary care
http://publications.nice.org.uk/the-epilepsies-the-diagnosis-and-management-of-the-epilepsies-in-adults-and-children-in-primary-and-cg137

Pharmacological Update of Clinical guidance 20
The Epilepsies: the diagnosis and management of the epilepsies in adults and children in primary and secondary care (Jan 2012)
http://www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/live/13635/57784/57784.pdf

CG53 Chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy): Diagnosis and management of CFS/ME in adults and children
http://publications.nice.org.uk/chronic-fatigue-syndromemyalgic-encephalomyelitis-or-encephalopathy-cg53

CG35 Parkinson's disease: Diagnosis and management in primary and secondary care
http://publications.nice.org.uk/parkinsons-disease-cg35

CG8 Multiple sclerosis: Management of multiple sclerosis in primary and secondary care
http://publications.nice.org.uk/multiple-sclerosis-cg8

CG138 Patient experience in adult NHS services: improving the experience of care for people using adult NHS services
http://publications.nice.org.uk/patient-experience-in-adult-nhs-services-improving-the-experience-of-care-for-people-using-adult-cg138

CG Incontinence in neurological disease (due August 2012)
http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG/Wave23/3

NICE Quality standards in development
Epilepsy in adults
http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qualitystandards/indevelopment/EpilepsyInAdults.jsp

Epilepsy in children
http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qualitystandards/indevelopment/EpilepsyInChildren.jsp

NICE Commissioning guides
Service for the accurate diagnosis of the epilepsies in adults
http://www.nice.org.uk/usingguidance/commissioningguides/epilepsiesinadults/epilepsydiagnosis.jsp

SIGN Clinical Guideline
Diagnosis and management of epilepsies in children and young people
http://www.sign.ac.uk/pdf/qrg81.pdf

For patients and carers …..

The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
www.rhn.org.uk/

Epilepsy
http://www.epilepsy.org.uk/

Myasthenia Gravis
http://www.mga-charity.org/

CNS Infections
http://www.britishinfection.org/drupal/

SHINE (hydrocephalus, spina bifida)
http://www.shinecharity.org.uk/northenglandandwestmidlands

Motor Neuron Disease Association
http://www.mndassociation.org/for-professionals/local-support/uk-mnd-professional-network

MS Trust
http://www.mstrust.org.uk/

MS Society
http://www.mssociety.org.uk/

The Encephalitis Society
http://www.encephalitis.info/

Scope (infantile cerebral palsy)
http://www.scope.org.uk/

The Dystonia Society
http://www.dystonia.org.uk/

Parkinson's UK
http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/

Spinal Injuries Association
http://www.spinal.co.uk/