

# Info●Point

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Bringing knowledge to the Commissioner's desktop

### 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/2012-Improving-neurological-outcomes-is-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!).

The screenshot shows the NHS Evidence search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'neurological long term conditions' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, there are filter options and a 'Filter by' button. The search results are sorted by relevance, and the first result is 'Commissioning services for people with long term neurological conditions'. The results list includes various filters such as 'Areas of interest', 'Types of information', 'Clinical queries', 'Sources', 'Medicines and devices', and 'Published date'. The search history shows previous searches for 'neurological long term conditions' and 'neurodisability'.

## 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\\_410536](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_410536)

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#### 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](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](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](http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/1012/neurological_conditions.aspx)

#### NHS Modernisation Agency

Action on Neurology (2005)

[http://www.natnact.info/uploads/2005\\_Apr/Action\\_On\\_Neurology.pdf](http://www.natnact.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/](http://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/>

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