



**Meeting 4 AGM and CPG on Welsh language and stroke (Hybird in person
Conference rooms C&D and Microsoft Teams)**

Date of Meeting:

25 September

Attendees:

Angela Contestabile
Katie Chappelle
George Moore
Lynn Preece
Katherine Broomfield
Adele Griffiths
Adrian Hughes
Alexander Smith
Altaf Hussain MS
Carys Williams
Ceri Eady
Doctor Natasha Collins
Dona Lewis
Dr Caroline Walters
Dulaine Mulcahy
George Moore
Hannah Parrington
Hywel Iorwerth
Jane Gordijn
Janet Finch Saunders MS
Janine Jones
Jess Williams
Joanne Sullivan
Katherine Staley
Katie Chappelle
Kevin Duff

Llinos Wyn Parry
Lynn Preece
Mark Isherwood MS
Maxine Pring
Menai Evans
Nia Davies
Nia Williams
Nichola Young
Nick Gidman
Niki Turner
Sam Abraham
Shumita Palit
Sian Teagle
Som Shekar
Tom Hughes
Vanessa Hayward

Summary of the issues discussed:

Launch of the report 'The experiences of Welsh speaking people with aphasia'

AGM Voting unable to take place due to technology issues at the Senedd (sound, camera and translation not working properly for hybrid meeting) and not enough cross party Senedd Members. Agreed to either hold next meeting or vote via email.

Stroke survivor Sian Teagle gave her view of lived experience of being a Welsh speaker and the lack of access to Welsh speech and language therapy after having a stroke.

Carys Williams and Dr Katherine Broomfield from Cardiff Metropolitan University presented on their research into the experiences of Welsh speaking people with post-stroke aphasia. Discussion within the room on the lack of knowledge of the numbers of the stroke workforce who speak Welsh, particularly those who specialise in speech and language therapy. Additionally, there is a lack of data on the need (numbers of Welsh speaking stroke survivors). Not enough is being done to promote the 'Active Offer' and no data recording if this offer is made and/or its effectiveness.

Presentation from Katie Chappelle highlight the Stroke Association's key policy calls, including raising awareness of the need for an active offer and better data collection and reporting.

Outcomes

NHS Executive (Niki Turner) highlighted that they would approach the Stroke Association for a possible research project into Welsh language provision for stroke survivors with aphasia.

The CPG (Altaf Hussain) to write to the Minister for Welsh language (Mark Drakeford) and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Jeremy Miles) to highlight the report and policy calls and ask for action to be taken to improve the 'Active Offer', especially for people with aphasia.

CEO of Welsh Centre for Learning Welsh to meet with the Stroke Association and discuss the National Centre's work, including a new programme for the Health and Care sector.