

Stroke Association Country Advisory Groups are consultative and advisory bodies that support the senior management teams in each nation (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) with business and strategic issues related to research, the prevention and treatment of stroke, and the care and support of stroke survivors and their families.

### What the role involves:

As an Advisory Group member for Northern Ireland, you will:

- Support and advise the senior management team in Northern Ireland on organisational strategy, operational planning, lobbying/influencing the Stormont government, income generation and the external environment.
- Act at as an ambassador for the Stroke Association at external events and activities as requested.
- Attend quarterly Advisory Group meetings throughout the year and other ad hoc sub-group meetings and events as required.

### Who the role might suit:

Group members should ideally possess experience, skills or knowledge of one or more of the following areas:

- Lived Experience of stroke / disability
- Medical / clinical / therapeutic /rehabilitation
- Commercial / business / private sector acumen
- Knowledge of the community / political experience
- Marketing / media / PR / lobbying
- Health and Social Care / Public sector
- Third sector
- Public health
- Research

## What the role can offer you personally:

- As an Advisory Group member, you will be helping to provide strategic advice and support to the Stroke Association as we enter a new and exciting period of growth.
- You will have the opportunity to engage with and give something back to your local community and meet with people affected by stroke.
- You will help to ensure that stroke is seen as a priority condition in Northern Ireland and that all people affected by stroke receive the highest quality treatment, care and support.

## Training for this role:

We will provide all of our Advisory Group members with an Induction Into the work of the Stroke Association In Northern Ireland so they feel confident in the role and give the best possible support to stroke survivors.

**Additional learning opportunities** are available to develop your skills and experience as required by the role. This would be discussed and agreed with the Northern Ireland Director and / or the Advisory Group Group Chair.

**We also offer ongoing support and expenses where appropriate.**

## Where and when you would volunteer:

The role is located primarily in Belfast for meetings but events can be anywhere in Northern Ireland and meetings can be joined remotely. Travel expenses will be covered.

You would need to commit to at least three quarterly meetings per year and other ad hoc sub-group meetings and events as requested.

The person to contact about this role is Alasdair O'Hara, Director for NI  
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**Our vision** is for there to be fewer strokes, and for people affected by stroke to get the help they need to live the best life they can.

**Our core purpose** is to be the trusted voice of stroke survivors and their families. We want to drive better outcomes in stroke prevention, treatment and lifelong support for everyone affected by stroke

**Our values** express who we are at our core. They define our culture and how we all do our jobs every day.

**Volunteer and  
make a difference.**

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**stroke.org.uk** or call our  
Stroke Helpline: **0303 3033 100.**