

The Stroke Association's Manifesto for General Election candidates in



Northern Ireland

Together we can conquer stroke

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Stroke is a devastating condition. It strikes in an instant, but its effects can last a lifetime. In Northern Ireland, around 4,000 people every year have a stroke which is the largest cause of disability in adults. Stroke needs to be a key priority in Northern Ireland to ensure improvements are made across the stroke pathway. If elected, MPs can work with Assembly Members and local health and social care trusts to ensure that the following deliverables are realised:

1. The reorganisation of acute stroke services.

Stroke services in Northern Ireland need to be modernised to save lives, money and provide the best care for stroke survivors. Currently, Northern Ireland has no seven-day stroke therapy service and poor access to specialist stroke units. Over 400 patients per year who are eligible for thrombolysis – a lifesaving clot busting treatment – do not receive it. This is leading to avoidable stroke related deaths and disability. We know from evidence elsewhere in the UK that these improvements save lives, improves patients' outcomes and reduces costs.

2. Better long term support for stroke survivors and their families.

Stroke survivors in Northern Ireland often feel abandoned because they don't receive regular reviews or the required level of physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and emotional support to cope with the long term impact of stroke. That is why MLAs and MPs together need to address the inadequate levels of long term support for stroke survivors in Northern Ireland.

Find out more at stroke.org.uk/GE17

Pledge your support now by emailing campaigns@stroke.org.uk

If these changes aren't made...

Imagine all 650 MPs were stroke survivors



The NHS would miss out on saving over **£1million** over 5 years through improving access to Early Supported Discharge.



The NHS would miss out on saving **£2.7million** over 5 years through improving thrombolysis rates.



448 would not get a six month review following their stroke



293 would feel abandoned after stroke



163 would wait over five months for mental health support

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We are the Stroke Association

We believe in life after stroke. That's why we support stroke survivors to make the best recovery they can. It's why we campaign for better stroke care. And it's why we fund research to develop new treatments and ways of preventing stroke.

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Stroke Helpline: 0303 3033 100

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Email: info@stroke.org.uk

From a textphone: 18001 0303 3033 100

We are a charity and we rely on your support to change the lives of people affected by stroke and reduce the number of people who are struck down by this devastating condition.

Please help us to make a difference today.

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