

Reshaping Stroke Services in Northern Ireland: A Public Conversation

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Latest: The Reshaping Stroke Services Task and Finish Group draws together its findings for consideration by the Transformation Implementation Group

What's happening now?

The pre-consultation for Reshaping Stroke Service in Northern Ireland **ended on the 15th September 2017**. In the months that have followed the Task and Finish Group met regularly, and continues to meet to develop a new mode for stroke services and to consider what people have told us is important to them.

This process has taken longer than expected, this is because stroke services are so important that we must be sure we have considered all the issues and gathered all the information needed.

We have sought advice from a group of local consultants to carefully consider what impact any changes could have at different steps of the stroke journey for patients into the future.

We have sought advice from stroke survivors and from stroke charities and involved them in all of our discussions.

Discussions have also taken place with Health and Social Care Trusts' senior management teams to ensure that any future proposals can be delivered.

By considering all of this information and the very latest research available to us, we are currently developing some potential proposals for the delivery of hospital and community stroke services. A report is currently be finalised for further consideration by the Department of Health and wider HSC. It is hoped that a consultation process will commence later this year.

It is also important to note that many key improvements can be made to stroke care in respect of prevention, hospital care, community care and long term support which do not require public consultation. We continue to work closely with Department of Health and Trust colleagues to advance these developments.

The Regional Reshaping Stroke Services Task and Finish Group will next meet to begin the work of designing a new model of stroke services on 15th June 2018.

Further Information

More information about on Reshaping Stroke Services and a list of Frequently Asked Question are available at www.hscboard.hscni.net/stroke