

Draft Program for Thursday 25th June 2026

08:00 – 09:00	Registration and refreshments
	FIRST MORNING SESSION
09:00 – 09:10	<p>Welcome to the 2026 Welsh Stroke Conference Dr Tal Anjum Chair of Welsh Association of Stroke Physicians</p>
09:10 – 09:40	<p>My stroke story Lauren Brooks Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board</p>
09:40 – 10:20	<p>Thrombectomy services – Past, Present and Future Dr Anthony Cox (Bristol) Consultant in Interventional Neuroradiology in Southmead Hospital, Bristol and Lead for INR across the Bristol NHS Group</p> <p>Niki Turner (Cardiff) National Allied Health Professional Lead for Stroke in Wales Stroke Implementation Network, NHS Wales Executive</p> <p>Dr Shakeel Ahmad (National) National Clinical Lead in Stroke Medicine Consultant in Stroke Medicine University Hospital of Wales</p>
10:20 – 10:50	COFFEE BREAK

	SECOND MORNING SESSION
10:50 – 11:35	Rehabilitation approaches – how patients make sense of these Dr Sally Davenport Programme Lead for the Neurophysiotherapy MSc programmes University College London
11:35 – 11:45	Introduction to Bhowmick Lecture Dr Benjamin Jelley Chair of the Welsh Stroke Conference
11:45 – 12:30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Bhowmick Lecture</p> <p>Mind the Gaps: getting more evidence-based treatments for people with stroke in the UK</p> <p>Professor Martin James</p> <p>Consultant Stroke Physician, Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital and Honorary Clinical Professor, University of Exeter Medical School</p> </div>
12:30 – 13:10	LUNCH
13:10 – 14:00	POSTER TOUR

	AFTERNOON SESSIONS	
	Parallel Session 1: Cognition	Parallel Session 2: Recovery
14:00 – 14:30	Management of Delirium – Psychiatric Perspective Dr Mohammad Zia Ul Haq Katshu Associate Professor of Psychiatry Institute of Mental Health, University of Nottingham	Upper limb rehabilitation after stroke: Putting sensorimotor neuroscience and immersive technologies to work Dr Ken Valyear Senior Lecturer in Cognitive Neuroscience Bangor University
14:30 – 15:00	<p style="text-align: center;">VIRTUAL</p> Assessment and Management of Delirium in Stroke Alexandre Carter, MD, PhD Associate Professor of Neurology Washington University in Saint Louis School of Medicine	Neurostimulation therapy for dysphagia Sarah Giannini and Ella Phillips Speech and Language Therapists Swansea Bay University Health Board
15:00 – 15:30	BREAK	
15:30 – 16:00	<p style="text-align: center;">VIRTUAL</p> Making the Case: Functional Cognition as a Top Priority for Rehabilitation Practice Lisa Tabor Connor, PhD OTR/L Professor of Occupational Therapy and Neurology Washington University School of Medicine	Duty, Delay, and Diagnosis: The Legal Landscape of Stroke in the UK Dr Alakendu Sekhar Consultant Neurologist & stroke physician and Thrombectomy MDT Chair The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust
16:00 – 16:30	Post-stroke vision screening and when vision affects driving Dr Lauren Hepworth Senior Lecturer, University of Liverpool, and Consultant Orthoptist, Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust	Introduction to the Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness (PDOC) service in Wales: What do Stroke MDTs need to know? Dr Andrea Lowman, Consultant Neurologist and Georgina Jones (AHP Lead for PDOC) Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
16:30	CLOSE	

Draft Program for Friday 26th June 2026

08:00 – 09:00	Registration and refreshments
	FIRST MORNING SESSION
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome and Introductions Dr Manju Krishnan Wales Research Lead for Stroke Health and Care Research Wales
09:05 – 09:30	Highlights and new opportunities in the NIHR Stroke Portfolio Professor Chris Price Professor in Stroke and Applied Health Research Newcastle University
09:30 – 10:30	Top five Scoring Abstracts – Podium presentations Podium presenters to be announced after judging has been completed
10:30 – 10:55	COFFEE BREAK
	SECOND MORNING SESSION
10:55 – 11:00	Announcement of Poster and Podium Winners Dr Benjamin Jelley Welsh Stroke Conference Chair
11:00 – 12:00	Sponsored Symposium Title and speaker to be confirmed <i>Please note that the sponsored symposium cannot be included in the CPD credits</i>
12:00 – 12:10	COMFORT BREAK

	Parallel Session 3: Rehabilitation		Parallel Session 4: Stroke Trials
12:10 – 13:10	Resistance training in stroke recovery Gary Morris Advanced Physiotherapy Practitioner in Neurological Rehabilitation, Hywel Dda University Health Board and Senior Lecturer, Cardiff University School of Healthcare Sciences	12:10 – 12:30	New trials for the prevention of recurrent ischaemic stroke VIRTUAL Dr Alan C Cameron Senior Clinical Lecturer in Stroke Medicine University of Glasgow
		12:30 – 12:50	Frailty, Stroke and the SAIL Databank Dr Jonathan Hewitt Clinical Senior Lecturer, Cardiff University and Honorary Consultant Geriatric and General Physician, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
		12:50 – 13:10	PREDICT-EV; Predicting Stroke Risk After a TIA Professor Philip James Professor of Cardiovascular Metabolism Cardiff Metropolitan University
13:10 – 13:30	LUNCH		
13:30 – 14:15	POSTER TOUR		

	AFTERNOON SESSIONS	
	Parallel Session 5: Nursing a patient following a stroke	Parallel Session 6: Any Other Business
14:15 – 14:45	Community Stroke Prevention Team – Secondary Stroke Prevention Programme Holly Brislen and Nicola Vickers Community Stroke Prevention Practitioners Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	Treatment decisions after severe stroke – challenges and solutions Dr Idris Baker Consultant in Palliative Medicine Swansea Bay University Health Board
14:45 – 15:15	Contenance challenges post stroke - optimisation ideas for the whole MDT Dr Victoria Suter-Jones Consultant Geriatrician Cardiff and Vale University Health Board	VIRTUAL Hyperacute Stroke Therapies in the Extended Time Window Dr. Hesham E. Masoud, MD, MSc, FSVIN SUNY Upstate Medical University Syracuse, New York
15:15	CLOSE OF 2026 CONFERENCE	