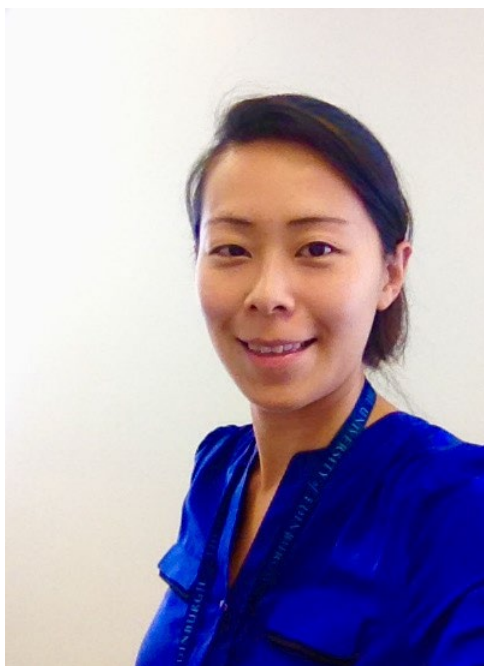




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February 2023

## BIASP Exec Message



Dr Yvonne Chun  
BIASP External Engagement Lead

It has been a pleasure to have been the BIASP's External Engagement Lead, a new role in the exec which started 3 years ago. I have thoroughly enjoyed contributing to the transformation of BIASP's website, the bulletin, BIASP's Twitter presence and various activities to promote BIASP's engagement with its members and other organisations.

It has been an eye-opening and a great learning experience for me to see how the BIASP exec is run by a group of professionals who dedicate so much energy and passion in advancing stroke medicine alongside their very busy work schedule. This has truly been inspiring.

I would like to thank the exec committee and the admin team at Fitwise for gifting me this wonderful experience. As I step down from the role and take on new challenges in my career, I would like to wish my successor, still to be elected, all the best in their new role. I

have no doubt that new blood will bring new ideas and energy to take this role to the next level. In the meantime, I will continue my support during this transitional period to ensure a smooth handover of BIASP's external engagement activities.

The External Engagement Lead Role nomination deadline is extended to midnight 10/04/2023. Please look out for the BIASP's elections email and cast your vote in due course!

In this month's bulletin, our Scientific subcommittee Lead Dr Abhijit Das updates us with a report of the latest research findings presented at the International Stroke Conference 2023 and our Sustainability Lead Dr Bethan Davies introduces us to our new and exciting Sustainability Blog. Make sure you scroll down to find out more!

## BIASP Trainees Meeting March 2023



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### Trainees' Meeting 2023

Corporate Suite  
Anglia Ruskin University  
Cambridge  
23-24 March 2023

Main Sponsor  
**Stroke**  
Association

We have secured the use of a thrombectomy simulator, facilitating practice of clot-retrieval in clinical scenarios, to be used by delegates at the BIASP trainee meeting. Come join us in the breakout room on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

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## BIASP Executive Committee Vacancy

### BIASP Call for Nomination.

BIASP would like to invite nominations for the following post on the Executive Committee  
This post welcomes applications from **FULL** BIASP members only

**The closing date for applications is midnight on 10/04/2023**

### External Engagement Lead - 3 year term

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about this post and committee responsibilities

[CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form

## BIASP Executive Lead for England Update



Dr Melanie Blake  
Executive Lead for England

To read the report for this month from Dr  
Blake,

[CLICK HERE](#)

## BIASP Scientific Subcommittee Update

This February has been an exciting time for stroke research.

The recently concluded International Stroke Conference 2023 presented some encouraging results, with simultaneous journal publications, in acute/hyperacute stroke management which might translate to our clinical practice.

To read the report from Dr Das in full [CLICK HERE](#)



Dr Abhijit Das  
Scientific Subcommittee Chair

## BIASP Sustainability Update



Dr Bethan Davies  
Sustainability Lead

We are excited to be launching the new green stroke care blog with our first featured blog by Theresa Morgan and Thomas Liddell from the Early Supported Discharge Service at University Hospitals Leicester about their project to provide post-stroke lifestyle advice in a low carbon context.

Coming soon '10 things a stroke doctor can do' to reduce your carbon footprint. by Sarah Barlett.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **Sustainability BLOG**

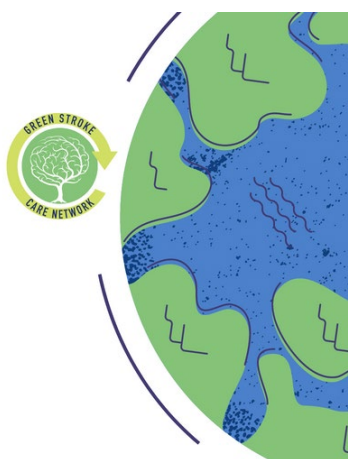
This month marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic death of 9 year old Ella Kissi Debrah from the effect of air pollution. BIASP support the Clean Air Bill ('Ella's Law') which is due to have its second reading in the House of Commons and would require the government to reduce the concentration of air pollutants in line with WHO guidelines.

Read more about this in the latest UKHACC bulletin, [CLICK HERE](#)

### Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition

Last chance to enter this year's competition – what is your idea to reduce the environmental impact of stroke care?

## Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition



### BIASP Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition

Launch date 29th November

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

**Closing date extended to 28th February at midnight**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and application form

## BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize - Winner

### BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize 2023 Results

Winner: [Aisling O'Connell](#)

2nd Place: [Harry Delany](#)

3rd Place: [Justin Cox](#)

Click on each name to read their essay



Is your member profile up to date?

You can now access the new and enhanced BIASP membership system. This allows us to know and understand our membership better to tailor the benefits we can deliver.



**Please check and update your details, ticking all options which are relevant to you, particularly any other organisations you may also be a member of. This will only take a few minutes.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to login to the members area.

## Mentorship Programme



**We are now going live with the new BIASP mentorship scheme.  
CPD approved, 3 points**

Many of you have volunteered to become mentors, or have requested to become a Mentee.

As part of this scheme we have developed online training materials which may be of interest also to those of you who have not yet volunteered to Mentor, and are free of



charge for all members to complete. CPD points on completion of mentor training.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the training materials

### **Are you interested in being mentored?**

We are also looking for mentees to participate in this programme. This opportunity is open to those enrolled in early specialty training, including IMT3, in a stroke parent specialty.

Register your interest by completing the form via the link [HERE](#)

## Take up Stroke Fellows

**TakeUpStroke**



Jennifer Turner has submitted this month's Take up Stroke Fellow update on engaging stroke trainees.

To read the report in full [CLICK HERE](#)

## Member Benefits & Discounts

**NEW Benefit for Current and New Members - 20% Discount**

Our new benefit started on 1st June 2022 and is for those members who work less than full time, if you work 8 PAs or less, when membership is due for renewal or when a new member joins.

Current members should send in their job plan to [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org) at least one month before their renewal date.

The 20% discount will be applied upon review of the job plan.



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Other Association discounts available for BIASP Members

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



## Stroke GIRFT National Specialty Report



**Stroke GIRFT Programme National Specialty Report Review 10 - Recovering and learning from the COVID-19 pandemic**

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report from Dr Richard Marigold

## Research Updates & Opportunities



If you have any research opportunities you would like us to promote please email

[admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

## Research Article



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## Surveys



### **Latest NIHR funding opportunity**

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme  
22/166 Rehabilitation and Care following Stroke

**Opens** 24 November 2022

**Closes** 29 March 2023 @ 13:00

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about the funding opportunity

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### **RCP 2022 census of UK consultants and SAS doctors**

At this critical time for the NHS workforce throughout the UK, please help influence national policy by completing this year's Physicians' Census.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the non-personalised link to the survey

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**ABN survey of BIASP members - views on collaboration with Neurology**  
***“BIASP stroke physician [online] survey on top three priorities for collaboration with acute neurology”***

**Closing date 31 March**

We would be grateful if you could complete this very brief survey run in collaboration with the Acute Neurology Special Interest Group of the Association of British Neurologists.

[CLICK HERE](#) - this will bring you to the survey page with a free text box.

Please list your suggestions in order of priority in the context of the acute management of stroke/TIA patients including stroke mimics.

Please limit your responses to key words and no more than maximum three areas of priority.

Thank you very much on behalf of the Acute Neurology SIG Co-Chairs,

*Dr Holger Allroggen, Consultant Neurologist, University Hospital Coventry*

*Mr Marc Smith, CEO Brain & Spine Foundation, London*

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**Developing a decision making pathway for management of anticoagulation in OAC  
associated ICH**

**Closing date 31 March 2023**

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the abstract

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey

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**International Survey of usual speech and language therapy for people  
with aphasia after stroke**

**Closing date 1st April**

You are invited to participate in this online survey about your experience in supporting the individuals with aphasia after stroke. It is anticipated that the survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the survey

The survey has ethical approval from the School of Nursing and Community Health Ethical Committee, Glasgow Caledonian University, UK.

Study conducted by Atharva Bhagwat, Glasgow Caledonian University.

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## Stroke Association, Saving Brains Campaign



Thrombectomy saves brains, saves money and changes lives. It's one of the most effective medical interventions ever discovered. But most people who need this treatment don't get it. It's subject to availability.

Find out about the Stroke Association's campaign across the UK nations by clicking on the report for each nation:

Saving Brains in [England](#)

Saving Brains in [Northern Ireland](#)

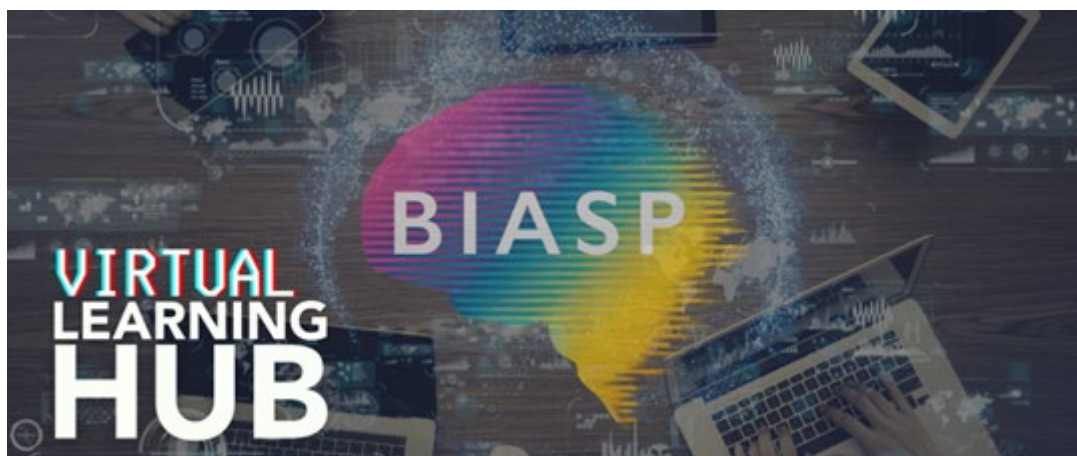
Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

Saving Brains in [Wales](#), [Welsh version](#)

Thrombectomy in Republic of Ireland:

[Republic of Ireland](#)--the National Stroke Strategy 2020-2025 Endovascular thrombectomy p.27

## Virtual Learning Hub



BIASP are hosting monthly 1-hour webinar sessions with the opportunity to ask the presenters questions at the end of each session. The live webinars will also be uploaded to the Virtual Learning Hub in the BIASP Members-only section for you to watch any time afterwards.

Each webinar is **free** to attend, you must register in advance for each live session. A certificate will be issued for those who attend more than 75% of the session, and complete a short evaluation that appears on the screen directly after the session.

Click [HERE](#) to view past webinars on the BIASP Virtual Learning Hub.

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**Webinar 19 - Stroke symptoms are not always FAST (Non-speciality stroke assessment)**

**Date and time** - Tuesday 21st March, 17:30 - 18:30

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

**Speakers**



**Dr Becky Jupp**  
BIASP Executive Lead for  
England



**Dr David Hargroves**  
National Clinical Lead for  
Stroke and National  
Speciality Adviser for  
Stroke, both for NHS  
England



**Austin Willet**  
CEO Different Strokes

**Date for your diary, further details will follow:**

Webinar 20: Stroke: BIASP- RCPI webinar - April 19

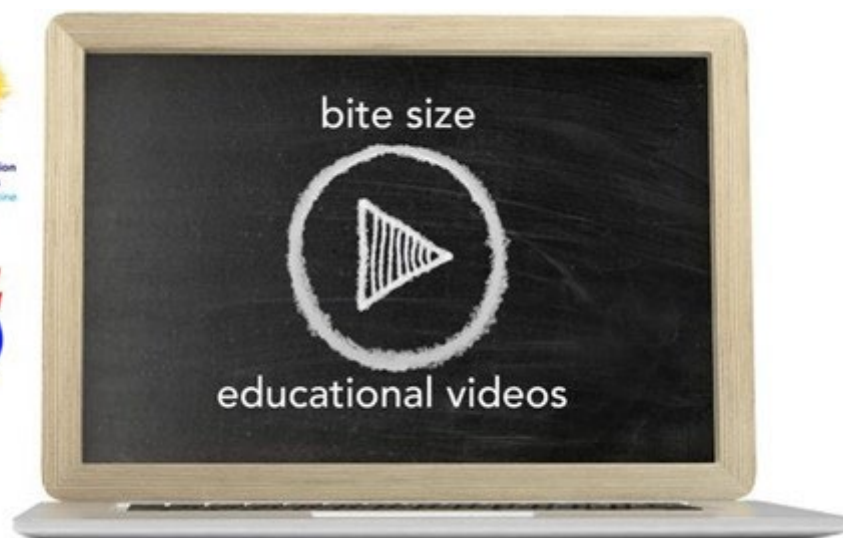
Webinar 21: Stroke Chameleons - May 31

Webinar 22: Lipids and new treatments - June 29

Webinar 23: Exercise interventions to promote cardiovascular health after stroke- Sep 21

Webinar 24: Stroke in the elderly - Oct 18

## Bitesize Educational Hub



Bitesize videos are now available to view on the BIASP website.

Topics include:

- **Why I love Stroke**
- **Joys of working as an MDT**
- **Why I chose stroke as a career**
- **A patient's journey**

[CLICK HERE](#) to view them.

Contact [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org) for further information if these inspire you to film a video of your own.

## RCPSG - Award



ROYAL COLLEGE OF  
PHYSICIANS AND  
SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Clinical Leadership Award  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

This award will recognise and reward senior clinicians from across all Faculties of the College who demonstrate outstanding clinical leadership skills and competence.

If any full BIASP member are eligible and would like to be nominated please email [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

## Education

### **MRes in Stroke degree at Cardiff Met University for the 2023 entry**

This FT or PT MRes in Stroke consists of:

3 taught modules each of 20 credits:

\*2 are research methodology.

\*1 module of clinical stroke from prehospital to longer term care

These 3 modules alone qualify for a PG cert.

The stroke module can be done alone to get 20 credits of CPD that can also be used as part of another qualification.

For the full MRes there is then a 120 credit research project and dissertation. The projects can be done back at the workplace.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link for MRes in Stroke

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### Master of Advanced Studies in Stroke Medicine 2024 - 2026

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

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The Stroke-Specific Education Framework (SSEF) [Role Profile for Advanced Clinical Practitioners](#) has recently been created and is now published, and freely available to all, on the SSEF Online Toolkit.

The Stroke-Specific Education Framework (SSEF) [Role Profiles for Nurses](#) (Bands 5-8) have recently been updated and are now published, and freely available to all, on the SSEF Online Toolkit.

The Stroke-Specific Education Framework (SSEF) are working through the Role Profile Library and are currently focussing on updating the **Occupational Therapist** Role Profiles (Bands 5-8).



[CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested in being involved with the Occupational Therapist Role Profile Working Group.

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Different Strokes Charity for younger stroke survivors have a series of webinars every fortnight to engage with beneficiaries and health care professionals.

Webinars are accessible for all to see,

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Events

Upcoming events will be listed here in future, if you have an event you wish to promote please contact [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

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## Trainees' Meeting 2023

Corporate Suite  
Anglia Ruskin University  
Cambridge  
23-24 March 2023

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We are pleased to say that next year's BIASP Trainees Meeting will be held as a face-to-face event.

**Corporate Suite, Anglia Ruskin University Cambridge**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023**

This two-day event is ideal for anyone involved in stroke care within UK and Ireland, particularly stroke trainees, but also junior doctors, stroke nurses, AHPs and consultants. There will be talks from stroke experts around the UK, mapped to the curriculum to make this a truly unique educational event.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register to attend

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**European Life After Stroke Forum  
10 March 2023, Barcelona, Spain**

The Stroke Alliance for Europe (SAFE) is holding their first face to face event that focuses on Life After Stroke.

SAFE's European Life After Stroke Forum will feature the latest evidence and research in life after stroke.

The Forum aims to build our collective knowledge in life after stroke, stimulate debate and improve the quality of life after stroke for people living with stroke in Europe.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme overview

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**The 17th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology**

**March 23-26, 2023 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.**

In person event

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

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### **BNA 2023 Festival of Neuroscience**

Brighton between 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration and more information

JNC societies can access numerous benefits, including inviting your staff, grant-holders and members to register for the Festival at **BNA member prices** and benefit from interacting with people from multiple fields of neuroscience.

The discount code is **JNCBNA2023**

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### **RCPE & RCSEd in Association with AoMRC Conference: Women in Leadership, 27 –28 April 2023**

A two day event celebrating Women in Leadership. The event draws together an international collection of experts, inspiring role models and disruptors, with a one day conference at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh followed by a one day interactive event with talks and workshops at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. A social event on 27th April will allow speakers and delegates to network with like-minded individuals!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme and to register

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**BGS Spring Meeting**  
**17-19 May 2023**  
**Edinburgh EICC**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and registration

**Early Bird 10% discount until 17/03/2023**

**ESOC 2023**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information flyer and to register

**29 March 2023-** Early registration deadline



British Geriatrics Society  
Improving healthcare for older people

**2023 Trainees Meeting**

Hybrid, in person and online  
6-7 July, Manchester

Covering topics

- Stroke
- Rehabilitation
- Palliative Care
- Surgical liaison
- OncoGeriatrics
- Cognition

- Planning your career
- SCE exam preparation
- Quality improvement workshop



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**BGS 2023 Trainees Meeting**

Save the Date, 6-7 July 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Registration is now open for the 2023 Trainees Meeting which is being held in Manchester this year (will also be available virtually).

The Trainees Meeting is always an excellent opportunity for care of the elderly trainees to come together (as well as those with a special interest/future career ambitions in geriatrics).

There are suggestions for good value accommodation available on the BGS website and it would be great to see as many people there in person as possible!

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**WSC 2023!**  
**October 10-12, 2023 | Toronto, Canada**  
**Early Bird Registration Open**

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend

The 15th World Stroke Congress (WSC 2023) will assemble the international stroke community to work together to reduce the burden of stroke by delivering improvements in prevention, treatment and recovery. Join global professionals to discuss the latest science, clinical trials, breakthroughs and guidelines to stroke prevention. Connect to a global network committed to provide quality stroke care through skill-building and high-quality research and help us keep the stroke community united at WSC 2023!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

Abstract submissions open on **19th April 2023** - for the range of topics [CLICK HERE](#)  
[CLICK HERE](#) for Young Investigator Award eligibility and rules

## Career Opportunities

BIASP lists NHS jobs on their website free of charge, to list your advert contact [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

**Here are the latest adverts for NHS stroke jobs. Click below for further information.**

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Abergavenny, closes 4 March

[Junior Clinical Fellow in Stroke](#), Coventry, closes 5 March

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Abergavenny, closes 6 March

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 10 March

[Fixed Term Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Bury St Edmunds, closes 10 March

[Speciality Doctor \(ST3+ Equivalent\) in Stroke Medicine](#), Camberley, closes 14 March

[Fixed Term Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Lincoln, closes 14 March

[Consultant in Medicine for Older People & Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 15 March

[Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Telford, closes 21 March

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**Other Job Vacancy:**

Internal Medicine/ Stroke Physician in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, closes 28 April 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) for the advert

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**Research Registrar-Clinical Research Fellow post available at TUH-AMNCH/TCD,  
Dublin**

Clinical Research Registrar/Clinical Research Fellow at TUH-AMNCH/TCD

The successful candidate will mainly focus on working on the **Optimal Antiplatelet Therapy** in TIA and Ischaemic **Stroke-International (OATS-I)** study with colleagues in Ireland, the UK, Europe, North America, Canada and Australia, with supervised clinical training in General and Vascular Neurology / Cerebrovascular Medicine, and other collaborative research opportunities on site.

Deadline for applications of Wednesday **Mar 1<sup>st</sup>**, but may show flexibility depending on the number and field of applicants.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

## HEE Podcast

### **New podcast - Health Education England (HEE) releases podcast discussing stroke careers**

The HEE Stroke Careers Podcast series takes an in depth look into stroke medicine careers including real life experiences, the career pathway and how we deliver care across the country.

This episode is jointly hosted by Dr Deborah Lowe, National Clinical Director for Stroke Medicine at NHS England and Dr Jon Cooper, Stroke Consultant in Yorkshire and the Humber and Postgraduate Dean at Health Education England. They discuss their career pathways, the benefits of a career in stroke, and opportunities for the future workforce.

You can listen to this podcast on HEE's [Anchor FM channel](#).

If you would like to learn more about Health Education England's work around stroke you can email: [ltcp@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:ltcp@hee.nhs.uk) or visit the [stroke page on the HEE website](#).

## Training Opportunities

Excellent and **freeonline stroke brain imaging training resources** at the University of Edinburgh:

- Acute cerebral CT evaluation of Stroke Study (ACCESS)
- BASP CT training lecture
- Acute CTA for thrombectomy in Stroke (ACTATS)

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the training

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### **Free Neurology/Stroke Learning Resource**

Neuropodcases is a free, podcast learning resource on clinical neurology and stroke, suitable for students, trainees, consultants and allied health professionals. These have



been created by a team of Neurology trainees and consultants.

Podcasts are available to download on Apple/Spotify or via the website

<https://www.neuropodcases.co.uk/>

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If you have any suggestions please get in touch with us [contact@neuropodcases.co.uk](mailto:contact@neuropodcases.co.uk)

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### **Online NIHSS Training**

To access the **free version** of the training individuals need to register and login [HERE](#)

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### **Online training 'Hyperacute Stroke Treatments Including Thrombolysis & Thrombectomy' - STARS Advancing Module**

[CLICK HERE](#) to access this resource for free. A certificate is awarded on successful completion of both the module and the module test.

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