



**British & Irish Association
of Stroke Physicians**
Advancing stroke medicine

March 2023

BIASP Exec Message



Prof David Werring
BIASP President-elect

As always, the BIASP Executive team and Committees have been busy with many projects which will help us to achieve BIASP's strategic aims. A highlight for spring 2023 will be the publication of the [National Clinical Guideline for Stroke](#) for the UK and Ireland. This update will include key areas across the whole stroke care pathway where expert consensus from each specialty identified that evidence and practice have changed. Many BIASP members have contributed to leading topic groups, writing, and reviewing evidence for this guideline, which will be published [here](#) in April 2023. It is sure to include important and practice-changing guidelines to help all of us improve and standardise the care we provide for people with stroke.

Another important highlight for autumn 2023 will be the [2023 BIASP-NIHR Stroke Research Workshop](#), hosted by the Stroke Research Centre at UCL in London on 26th

and 27th September. It follows highly successful workshops held in Cambridge, Manchester, Leicester, and Sheffield. There will be updates on latest stroke research including sessions on novel treatment approaches in stroke, unravelling mechanisms in stroke rehabilitation towards better treatments, new developments in brain imaging, brain-immune interactions, and controversies in stroke.

Please save the date for this meeting, which provides an opportunity for enthusiastic stroke clinicians and researchers met to present their work, listen to excellent speakers, and exchange ideas.

Abstract submissions should be uploaded [here](#) by 30th June 2023.

Several fully funded bursaries (registration fees, accommodation, and dinner as well as £100 towards travel) are available for medical students.

Updates will be posted regularly on <https://twitter.com/StrokeWorkshop>. You can contact the organising team with any queries at: ukstrokeresearchworkshop@gmail.com.

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 Republic of Ireland Update



Dr Margaret O'Connor
Executive Lead for Republic of Ireland

Dr O'Connor has submitted an update for the Republic of Ireland on:

- Irish National Stroke Strategy
- FAST Public Awareness Campaign
- National Clinical Programme for Stroke
- joint BIASP RCPI webinar

[CLICK HERE](#) to read Dr O'Connor's report in full

BIASP Training & Education Subcommittee Update

Dr Shaw has submitted an update from the Training & Education subcommittee on

- Mentorship scheme
- Cohort 2 of Take Up Stroke

[CLICK HERE](#) to read Dr Shaw's report



Dr Louise Shaw
Training & Education Subcommittee Chair

BIASP ED&I Update



Dr Soma Banerjee
ED&I Lead

We continue to focus on SAS doctors, as one of our 2 key ED&I areas in the coming year.

The role of SAS doctors as specialty doctors or specialists (more senior grade) is becoming increasingly recognised in the workplace.

We aim to collect more granular data on numbers of SAS doctors in stroke medicine across the ISDN's to aid future planning.

Our second key ED&I area is women in stroke medicine. Our membership data on gender is still lacking with less than 50% of members having updated their relevant demographics. I would like to encourage our members to update their data, which can be done easily through the website.

BIASP Scientific Subcommittee Update

Dr Das has submitted an update from the Scientific subcommittee on:

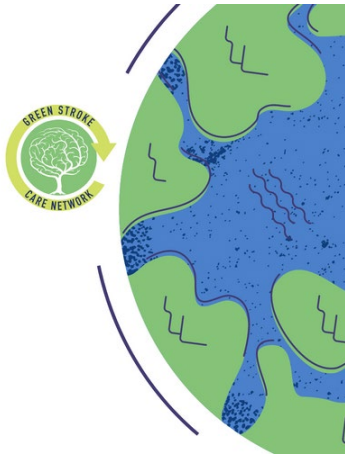
- working on a concept to encourage and recognize stroke research at all levels – the **PI of the Year Award**
- some very interesting datapoint on the Stroke data for the **Associate PI Scheme**

[CLICK HERE](#) to report Dr Das's report



Dr Abhijit Das
BIASP Scientific Subcommittee Chair

Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition Winner



BIASP Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition Winner

Congratulations to **Sarah Bartlett** from **NHS Lothian**, this year's winner of the BIASP Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition.

Did you know that the average CT scan has a carbon footprint of 9.2kg CO₂e? That's the equivalent of driving nearly 50km in an average petrol car.

This project aims to reduce unnecessary scans and the environmental impact of inpatient stroke care. We look forward to hearing about the project outcomes!

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize - Results

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize 2023 Results

High Commended Entries:

[Jordan Truong](#)

[Alexandra Thomas](#)

[Hussain Al-Hilali](#)

[Abdehmadjid Zinet](#)



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](#)

BIASP Green Stroke Care Blog



The BIASP Green Stroke Care blog aims to present issues of relevance and interest to those working to improve the sustainability of stroke care for the benefit of people and planet.

We welcome a range of blogs from all those working in stroke care and stroke survivors from projects to personal reflections – please get in touch if you would like to submit an item admin@biasp.org.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the blogs submitted

Take up Stroke Fellows

TakeUpStroke



Angela Nelmes has submitted this month's Take up Stroke Fellow update on recruitment, retention and role modelling.

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 at least one month before their renewal date.

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



Other Association discounts available for BIASP Members

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



Stroke GIRFT National Specialty Report



Stroke GIRFT Programme National Specialty Report Review 11 - Reducing the risk of litigation

[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

Research Article

This month's research report highlights the UK's first stroke **CLOTBANK** which started the recruitment this month at the Walton Centre, Liverpool.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article



Surveys

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

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

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

**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.

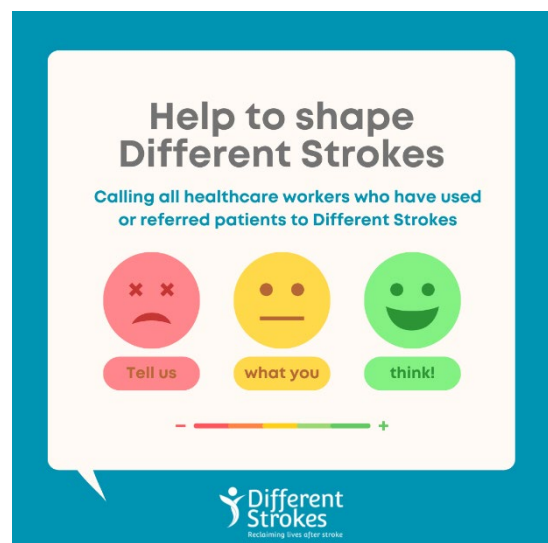
Study conducted by Atharva Bhagwat, Glasgow Caledonian University.

[Different Strokes](#) is looking for feedback from healthcare professionals who have used or referred patients to their services.

By taking part and giving less than 15 minutes of your time – you will be helping to shape the future of support for working age stroke survivors in the UK.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the survey

Closing date 30 April 2023



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](#)

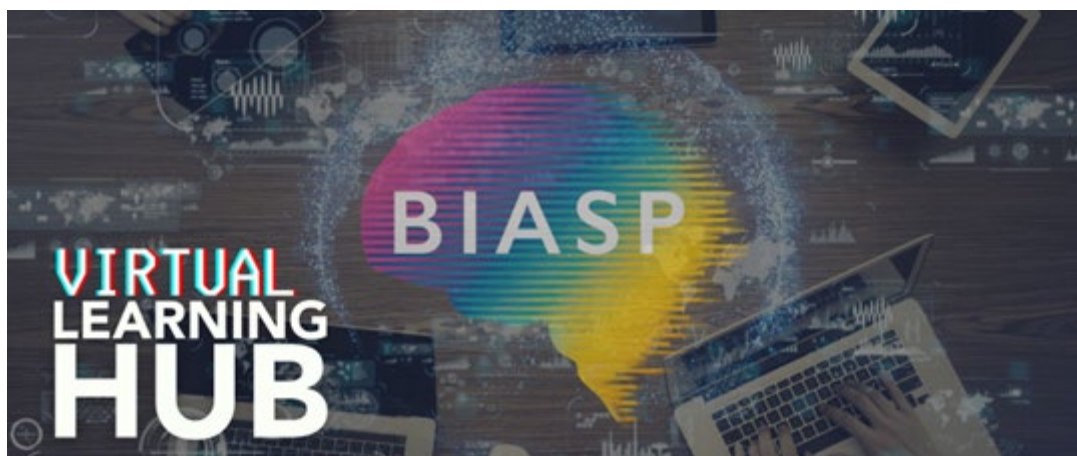
Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

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.

Date for 2023 for your diary, further details will follow:

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



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RCPI-BIASP Joint Webinar

Wednesday 19th April, 17:00 - 18:30

RCPI are delighted to announce the theme for April's webinar: "Hot Topics In Stroke", which is hosted in conjunction with BIASP.

This webinar will examine a variety of different topics in this area, including Medicolegal Aspects of Stroke and Anticoagulation Timing after Cardioembolic Stroke. There will also be a key guidelines update from BIASP. Attendees will receive 2CPD credits.

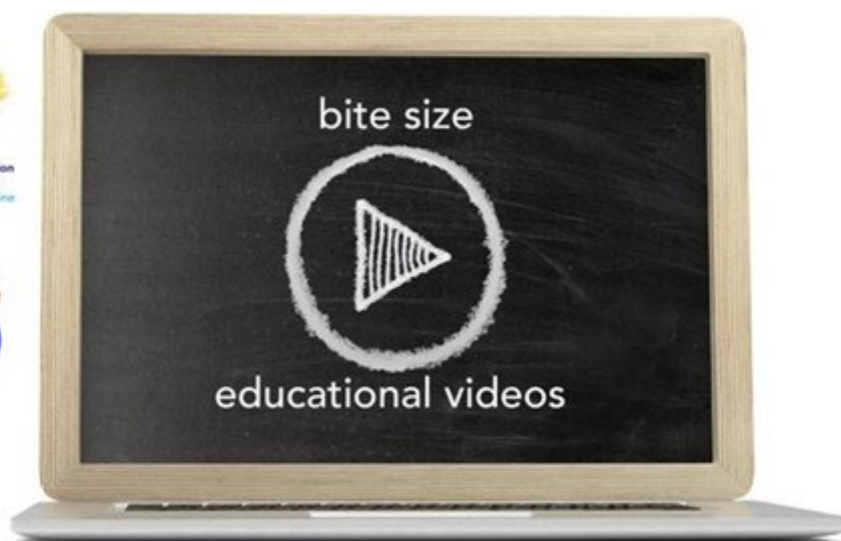
[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

Before you can register to attend you **must** be signed up to RCPI first.

[CLICK HERE](#) for instructions to sign up to RCPI

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend the webinar

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 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

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

Master of Advanced Studies in Stroke Medicine 2024 - 2026

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer



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) [Role Profiles for Occupational Therapists](#) (Bands 5-8) have recently been updated and are now published, and freely available to all, on the SSEF Online Toolkit.

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

STROKE FORUM

Hosted by

Stroke
Association



18th UKSF 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

ICC Birmingham

4-6 December 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

Launch event to mark the publication of the 2023 National Clinical Guideline for Stroke Kings College London on Wednesday 19 April 2023.

As many people will know, things are proceeding on schedule for the new National Clinical Guideline for Stroke for the UK and Ireland to be published in April this year.

To mark publication, we are hosting an in-person launch event and celebration – ***‘Evidence based stroke care: present & future’*** at Kings College London on

Wednesday 19 April 2023. The event will consist of a series of live streamed talks and an interactive panel Q&A from 3pm to 5pm, accessible for guests to join and participate in, either in person or remotely, followed by a drinks reception from 5pm. We hope very much that all guideline contributors and those with an interest in improving stroke care will be able to join us on the day for some or all of the event.

[CLICK HERE](#) for further information about the launch, including the event programme and how to sign up to attend. Questions about this event can be emailed to the stroke guideline team [HERE](#)

Stroke Guideline Project Team



BNA 2023 Festival of Neuroscience

Brighton between 23rd – 26th 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**

**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

British Geriatrics Society
Improving healthcare for older people

2023 Spring Meeting

Hybrid, in person and online
17 - 19 May, EICC Edinburgh

- Perioperative Care of older people - Celebrating 20 Years
- Cardiovascular Health
- Frailty and Sarcopenia
- Dementia and Delirium
- Rehabilitation and Major Trauma
- Workforce





2023 British Geriatrics Society Spring Meeting

Date: 17-19 May 2023

Location: EICC, Edinburgh and online

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

The meeting has applied for 18 live CPD credits.

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

ESOC 2023
24-26 May 2023

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



29 March 2023- Early registration
deadline

National Conference in Medicine for the Older Person
University of Leicester [College Court Conference Centre](#),
Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3UF
Wednesday 28th June 2023

The National Conference in Medicine for the Older Person is an excellent update on current issues in caring for the older person across all specialties. It is chaired by Prof Tom Robinson and Dr Jatinder Minhas and we invite you to join us for this highly informative CPD (6 point) accredited conference.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

British Geriatrics Society Improving healthcare for older people	2023 Trainees Meeting	Covering topics • Stroke • Rehabilitation • Palliative Care • Surgical liaison • OncoGeriatrics • Cognition	• Planning your career • SCE exam preparation • Quality improvement workshop		BGS
Hybrid, in person and online 6-7 July, Manchester					

BGS 2023 Trainees Meeting
Save the Date, 6-7 July 2023

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

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).



UK HEALTH
ALLIANCE ON
CLIMATE CHANGE

**Net Zero Clinical Care Conference,
London, 14 July 2023**

BMJ and UKHACC present a new one-day in person conference to empower healthcare professionals to respond to the health emergency that climate change brings.

The conference will be free to attend.

[CLICK HERE](#) for further details on submission categories and process

The call for abstracts is now **OPEN**



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National Institute for
Health Research



**SAVE THE DATE – 2023 UK Stroke Research Workshop
26-27 September 2023**

The 2023 UK Stroke Research Workshop, organised under the auspices of the NIHR CRN Stroke Speciality and generously supported by the British and Irish Association of Stroke Physicians and the Stroke Association, will be held on 26th and 27th September 2023 in London. The meeting will be in person.

Abstract submissions should be uploaded [HERE](#) by 30th June 2023.

A number of fully funded bursaries (registration fees, accommodation and dinner as well as £100 towards travel) are available for medical students.

Venue and registration details to follow

**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

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

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 30 March 2023

[Senior Clinical Research Fellow in Stroke](#), Preston, closes 31 March 2023

[Consultant Physician in Clinical Gerontology and Stroke Medicine](#), Orpington, closes 2 April 2023

[Consultant \(Stroke\) Physician](#), Lancaster, closes 2 April 2023

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Abergavenny, closes 4 April 2023

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Norwich, closes 4 April 2023

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Carlisle, closes 6 April 2023

[Consultant in Medicine for Older People & Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 14 April 2023

[Fixed Term Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Lincoln, closes 18 April 2023

[Consultant - Stroke Physician](#) (from any previous background), Truro., closes 24 April 2023

Other Job Vacancy:

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for the advert

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 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

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

Online NIHSS Training

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

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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