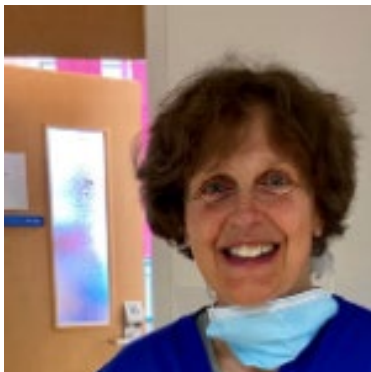




**British & Irish Association
of Stroke Physicians**
Advancing stroke medicine

October 2023

BIASP Exec Message



Dr Liz Warburton
BIASP Treasurer

Hello everyone

As many of you may know I have been the clinical lead for the NICE stroke guidelines over the last few years. On the 18th October the updated Stroke Rehabilitation guidelines were published (NG 236), [CLICK HERE](#), after 3 years of fairly regular virtual and face to face committee meetings - enough for anyone!

There was some pleasing media attention despite the extremely distressing situation in Israel and Gaza dominating the news. These guidelines compliment the RCP guidelines already published and will give more weight to the NHS stroke strategy (at least in England) to get more and improved rehabilitation for our patients.

NICE have done some interesting studies using eye tracking when people look at guidelines which informs how they are written. We tend to focus predominantly on the left-hand side of the text and stop about half way down any piece of text written!

With that in mind I will continue as follows:

Please don't forget to:

- Vote for our next President-elect (two fantastic applicants both committed NHS stroke physicians) and new Trainee subcommittee member

Closing date midnight 7 November for both posts

- Register for the UKSF in Birmingham [CLICK HERE](#). Raid your study leave budgets!
- Look after each other as things get very busy and stretched yet again
- Try and keep going to read about everything going on at BIASP in the rest of the newsletter!

With all good wishes,

Liz

BIASP Executive Committee & Subcommittee Appointments



Following the recent call for nominations BIASP are delighted to welcome two unopposed appointments commencing December 2023:

Executive Lead for Scotland - Dr Vera Cvoró
Scientific subcommittee - Dr Azmil Abdul- Rahim

BIASP continue to welcome nominations for these vacant posts.

These posts welcome applications from **FULL** BIASP members only
There is no closing date, however, BIASP have the right to close if a suitable nomination is received.

Executive Lead for Northern Ireland and Wales

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Scientific Subcommittee member

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

[CLICK HERE](#) for information
[CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form

Barbo Johansson Award



Congratulations!

BIASP are thrilled to announce that our President, Gillian Mead, has been honoured with the Barbo Johansson Award for Stroke Recovery at WSO 2023.

An incredible recognition for her groundbreaking work in the field.

BIASP Sustainability Update



Dr Beth Davies
Sustainability Lead

This month the sustainability update from Dr Davies is on the following:

- Measuring BIASP Carbon Footprint
- Greener NHS and Carbon Literacy Project
- Biodiversity, Climate Change and Health report
- NHS Net Zero Clinical Care Conference

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

Executive Lead for Scotland Update

It's all change in Scottish stroke, with a cheery hello to many new appointments and a sad farewell to others who are leaving posts.

Read about all the change, as well as some things that are reassuringly consistent, and some others that are depressingly constant, all in the main report.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Dr Quinn's report



Dr Terry Quinn
Executive Lead for Scotland

NEW 2023 National Clinical Guideline for Stroke

Updated National Clinical Guideline for Stroke now available

The 2023 edition of the National Clinical Guideline for Stroke for the UK and Ireland is now available. Over half the recommendations are new or have been updated. Big changes in the evidence base since the previous edition in 2016 have led to significant updates in three main areas:

- A big expansion of patients eligible for thrombolysis and thrombectomy
- More intensive interventions in secondary prevention – antiplatelets, cholesterol, blood pressure
- More intensive rehab in hospital and at home to promote motor and language recovery.

This is a 'five nations' guideline for the first time ever, covering all of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. The guideline is endorsed for use in clinical practice by the Royal College of Physicians (London), the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Online-only publication

[CLICK HERE](#) for the plain language summary for people affected by stroke.

Take up Stroke Fellow Update

TakeUpStroke



This month's report is from **Dr Subi Raji**:
When stroke strikes, part of your brain shuts down. And so does a part of you. That's because a stroke happens in the brain, the control centre of who we are and what we can do. It happens every five minutes in the UK and changes lives instantly.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize - Results

**BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize
2023 Results**

Commended Entry:

[Uma Patel](#)

Click on 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**

**Next ALS Training Day - 27 February, 13:30 - 16:30
Complete the modules and book your place**

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

UK Health Alliance on Climate Change



UKHACC have coordinated the publication of an editorial in 200+ journals. This year the [editorial](#) calls for the climate and nature crisis to be recognised as one indivisible global health emergency.

A petition calling on WHO to declare a global public health emergency is being launched to coincide with the editorial.

It is the third in a series of annual multi-journal editorials published ahead of the UN Climate Conferences in 2026, 2027 and 2028 coordinated by the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change.

An open petition has been launched to support the call to WHO. More information, including how to sign the petition, is available. [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



Research Updates & Opportunities



If you have any research opportunities you would like us to promote please email admin@biasp.org

Funding

The Stroke Association - Research Funding Schemes Open

At the start of November, the Stroke Association will be opening applications for three of our 2023-24 research awards.



All three awards have Clinical-Academic pathways where candidates can combine research with clinical practice.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the main webpage. Click on each of awards below for information:

[Postgraduate Fellowships](#)

[Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

[Lectureships](#)



NIHR Local Authority Academic Fellowship Programme and Associated Opportunities

New opportunities from NIHR for people working in local authorities, social care setting and 3rd sector. There are a range of funding opportunities from short placement up to PhD and advanced.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information



Research Funding Opportunities 2023/2024

Following the response to the 2021 JLA PSP for stroke, [CLICK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the advance notice of the funding calls planned for launch this year

Surveys

Help to understand the current management of facial palsy after stroke Closes 31 December 2023

Facial palsy is one of the common problems after stroke, but there are no guidelines for this. We aim to find out which tools are used to assess Facial Palsy after Stroke and which treatment methods are used, by which professional groups, as well as the reasons for these choices.

This survey will not collect any personally identifiable details.

If you wish to complete the survey, please indicate you have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet (PIS). When you complete the survey, you are confirming you submitted answers and you consent to us using the information you have provided.

If you confirm that you have read the PIS ([here](#)) and would like to start the survey, please [CLICK HERE](#)

Havva Sumeyye Eroglu, PhD student at the University of Manchester

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](#)

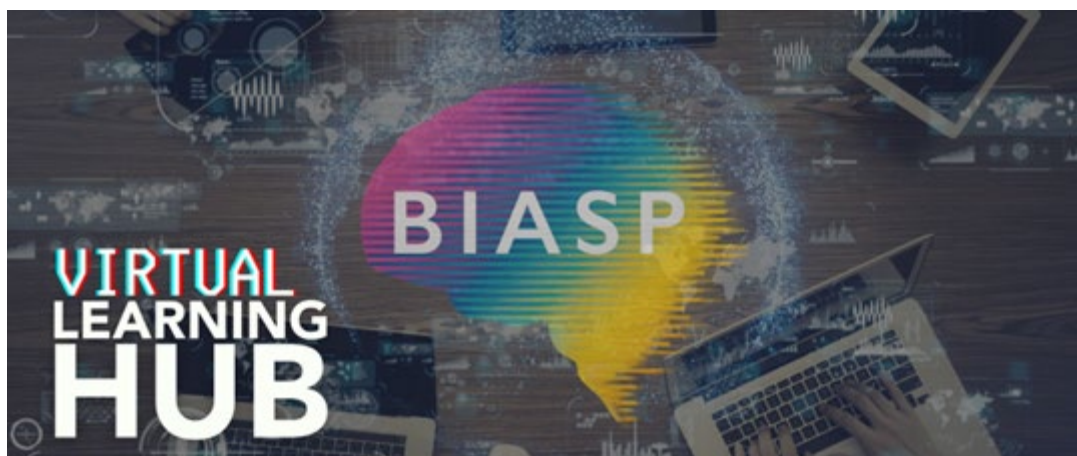
Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

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.

BIASP Webinar 25

Date: 22 November 2023

Time: 17:30 - 18:30

Speakers: Prof Philip Bath and Mark Dixon

Topic: Mobile Stroke Units

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register



Prof Philip Bath



Mark Dixon

Professor Bath will be assisted by his PhD student Mark Dixon, who is also a local paramedic.

Professor Bath Philip Bath (FRCP DSc FMedSci) is Stroke Association Professor of Stroke Medicine, Head of Academic Stroke and Director of the Stroke Trials Unit at the University of Nottingham, an Emeritus NIHR Senior Investigator, and honorary consultant stroke physician at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

Mark Dixon is a Paramedic and Senior Manager for Quality within Leicestershire & Rutland for the East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

Webinar Learning outcomes:

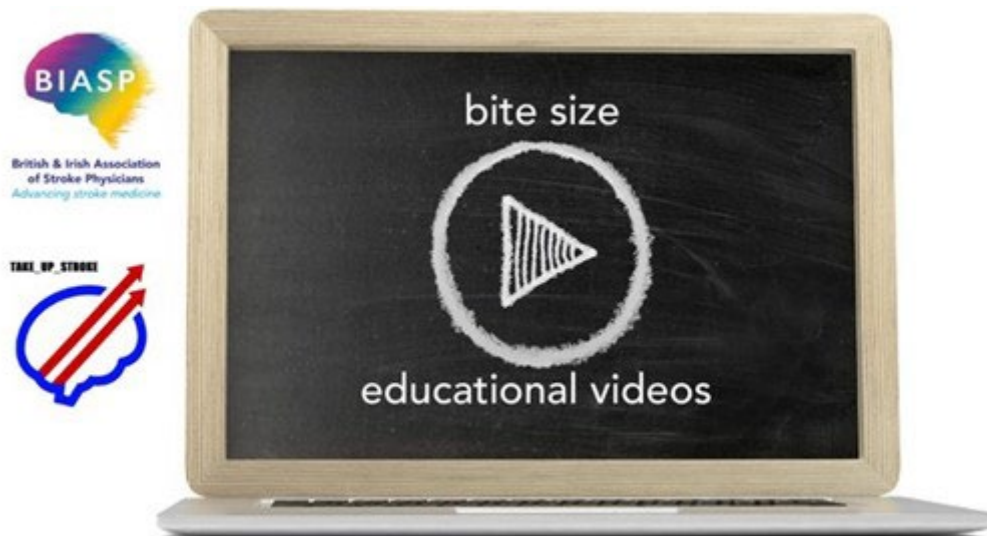
1. Mobile stroke units (MSUs) improve clinical outcome and performance
2. Considerations for implementation of MSUs into the UK

Dates for your diary, further details will follow:

Webinar 26: A new era in ICH care - 24 Jan 24

Webinar 27: Training pathways into stroke - 21 Feb 24

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.

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



For the SSEF role profile library on:

- Advanced Clinical Practitioners
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Therapy Assistants and more

[CLICK HERE](#)

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

2023 UK Stroke Forum Conference

4-6 December 2023

Join us for three unforgettable days at ICC Birmingham as we bring you the hottest topics in stroke.

Discussions on:

- Implementing the new 2023 guidelines.
- The new ideas in the treatment of post stroke dysphagia (pitched in the dragon's den).
- Complex feeding, ethical dilemmas and improving patient outcomes: A multidisciplinary approach.
- Game changers in stroke.

ICC Birmingham
stroke.org.uk/professionals/uk-stroke-forum/uksf-registration

STROKE FORUM Hosted by **Stroke Association** **BIASP**

2023 UK Stroke Forum Princess Margaret Memorial Lecture

5 December

Keynote Speaker

A Vision for Vision
Professor Fiona Rowe
University of Liverpool, UK

ICC Birmingham

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18th UKSF 2023 - Registration is now OPEN

Early Bird Closed

5% discount for group bookings of 5 or more

ICC Birmingham

4-6 December 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) for Information

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Join us to share more unmissable ground-breaking research, as we scrap our traditional UKSF programme format. New and exciting ways of learning will be introduced, designed to get VALUE for your money and time. Short, long, group and individual sessions will be introduced as we start a new chapter for the UK Stroke Forum.

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

Stroke Masterclass

7-8 November 2023

Forest Pines, Double Tree by Hilton, Broughton, Brigg

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



ASSOCIATION
OF BRITISH
NEUROLOGISTS

ABN Autumn Meeting

Wednesday 8 November 2023

Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury, London

The ABN would like to offer all BIASP members a 'member rate'
1 day hybrid event, join in-person or virtually, [CLICK HERE](#) for rates

BIASP Session - Advances in thrombectomy – Soma Banerjee
ABN John Walton Lecture - Joanna Wardlaw

[CLICK HERE](#) for programme and registration

SSNAP Annual Report Webinar

Wednesday 15 November 2023

14:00 - 15:00, Online event

[CLICK HERE](#) to register





ESC Heart & Stroke 2023

The 6th International Conference
of ESC Council on Stroke

2 - 3 December 2023
Oxford - UK

[CLICK HERE](#) for the invite

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

Abstracts Closed

The fourth annual BRAIN Conference **Monday 4th until Wednesday 6th December 2023** **etc.venues 155 Bishopsgate, London**

Welcoming neuroradiologists, endovascular neurosurgeons and allied health professionals from all over the world, to attend this exciting and innovative meeting. International experts and key opinion leaders from across the world will once again be a part of the faculty and will provide education on a range of different topics, including stroke, aneurysms, new technology and much more!

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



26th National Conference **DEMENTIAS 2024**

February 8th & 9th 2024
Cavendish Conference Centre
London

The 26th National Dementias Conference
8-9 February 2024
Cavendish Conference Centre, London.

This is a hugely successful annual event, chaired by **Alistair Burns and John O'Brien**, that brings together some of the leading specialists in dementia care and research.

We have an exciting two-day programme planned, including a talk on '**Stroke, small vessel disease and dementia**' by Professor Joanna Wardlaw.

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration and programme

20% discount for BIASP Members - at checkout use code BIASP20

**European Life After Stroke Forum
(ELASF)**
11-12 March 2024
Dublin
Abstract Deadline, 2 November 2023



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for abstract submission - closes **20th December 2023**

Details on registration to follow



WSC 2024 promises to be an exceptional event, once again bringing together the international stroke community to collectively tackle the challenges and reduce the burden of stroke.

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.

[Stroke Consultant](#), Wolverhampton, closes 1 November

[Senior Clinical Fellow in Stroke](#), Romford, close 2 November

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Abergavenny, closes 5 November

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Wrexham, closes 5 November

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 7 November

[Consultant \(Stroke\) Physician](#), Lancaster, closes 12 November

[Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Merthyr Tydfil, closes 14 November

[Head of Department and Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 16 November

[Consultant \(Stroke\) Physician](#), Barrow-In- Furness, closes 29 November

[Consultant - Stroke Physician](#) (from any previous background), Truro, closes 31 Jan 2024

Other Opportunities



THE NEUROLOGICAL ALLIANCE

Are you interested in becoming a
Trustee of The Neurological Alliance?

To find out more, [CLICK HERE](#)

For the nomination form [CLICK HERE](#)

Please return your completed nomination form to Georgina Carr by
5pm on 31 October 2023

The Joint Neurosciences Council wishes to
appoint an additional ebrain clinical lead to
join the established leads and help oversee
further development of the ebrain
programme.



Founded in 2011, ebrain is a very large online e-learning tool for the clinical
neurosciences with over 10,000 users from UK, Europe and worldwide.

Technical skills are not required. The successful applicant should have leadership skills,
an interest in education and be a consultant from any neuroscience discipline.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the role specification

The closing date for applications is Friday, 17 November.

Overseas Job Opportunity

Job title: General Medicine Physician

Location: Hawke's Bay

Closing date: **18 November 2023**

[CLICK HERE](#) for 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 or visit the [stroke page on the HEE website](#).

Training Opportunities

Excellent and **free online 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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