

National Stroke Nursing Forum

Three Year Strategy

2015-2018



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Introduction

This is the first strategy document for the National Stroke Nursing Forum (NSNF). The main objective of this strategy is to provide vision, a framework for development as an organisation, and to continue supporting stroke nursing in order that it can respond to the changing healthcare arena.

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Since its inception in the late 1990s the NSNF has seen significant changes in the level of investment in stroke care, in line with national health strategies and the changing economic climate.

The NSNF is an organisation run by nurses for nurses. Stroke care continues to be an exciting and challenging specialism to work in. Nursing is and can offer so much to stroke survivors and their families. The NSNF is here to support stroke nurses and aims to represent members' views in all its work.

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The Forum's work is supported by the goodwill and commitment of the steering committee members who have a range of expertise from clinical practice, management, research and education.

Forum membership is open to registered nurses and health care assistants involved in stroke care across the UK at a fee of £10 per annum. The Forum now has around 250 members. Membership needs to increase if we are going to have credibility and the authority to represent stroke nurses across the UK. Previous efforts have led to a progressive uptake in membership, which needs to continue.

The NSNF collaborates with a number of national organisations including the Intercollegiate Working Party for Stroke, which develops the National Clinical Guideline for Stroke; the UK Stroke Forum; the Royal College of Nursing; and the Stroke Association.

Strategic aims for 2015-2018

1. Increase awareness of the NSNF across the UK, and increase membership.
2. Represent members' and stroke nursing locally and nationally.
3. Support the implementation of high quality, evidence based stroke nursing care to inform stroke nursing now and in the future.

Objectives

1. Increasing awareness and membership of the NSNF across the UK, and increase membership.

This will be achieved by:

- a.** Develop a new organisational structure for the NSNF, and ensure that the organisation is robust and resilient for years to come.
- b.** Establish local NSNF representation across all regions and devolved countries, improving access to support from the Forum.
- c.** Review the steering committee membership to accommodate for regional representation.

2. Represent members' and stroke nursing locally and nationally

This will be achieved by:

- a.** Continued collaboration with stroke nursing groups in the devolved countries of the UK (Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland).
- b.** Links with key national organisations including the Royal College of Nursing, the Intercollegiate Working Party for Stroke (ISWP), the UK Stroke Forum and the Stroke Association.
- c.** Improving responsiveness to provide comment on new evidence, policy and press releases.
- d.** Improving communication with members in order to gain their views through social media and the internet.

3. Support the implementation of high quality, evidence based care to inform stroke nursing now and in the future.

This will be achieved by:

- a.** Providing recommendations on clinical practice for members, based on current evidence, expert opinion and national policy. Specifically:
 - i.** Develop new guidance on stroke unit nurse staffing levels.
 - ii.** Develop new guidance on the role of stroke nurses in pre-stroke unit care.
- b.** Provide a minimum of one newsletter per year for our members to share examples of best practice.
- c.** Providing an information network to share practice through its members.
- d.** Support regional and national stroke nursing conferences.
- e.** Continue to improve links with academic and research networks in order inform the national stroke research agenda.
- f.** Contribute to the development of the National Clinical Guideline for Stroke through the IWPS.
- g.** Promote awareness of education resources available to support specialist stroke nursing, including the Stroke Specific Education Framework (SSEF).
- h.** Improve stroke survivor and their carers representation on the Forum.

“Supporting stroke nursing across the UK”

Action Plan	Strategic Aim	Timescale
Year 1		
Fully implement the National Conversation Project	1,2,3	Nov 2015
Nurse Staffing Strategy in collaboration with Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Stroke Nurse Groups)	3	March 2016
Review the scope and role of the NSNF	1,2	June 2015
Propose new organisational structure for the NSNF for presentation at 2015 AGM	1	Dec 2015
Develop independent website to support membership recruitment	2	April 2016
Contribute to the development of the National Clinical Guideline for Stroke		
Year 2		
Implement agreed new organisational structure	1	June 2016
Support the development of a national education strategy for stroke nursing	3	June 2016
1 st Regional Reps NSNF Conference	3	Sept 2016
Increase membership by 100	1	Oct 2016
Develop stroke nursing research questions	3	Nov 2016
Year 3		
Double membership numbers	1	Oct 2017
Seek new opportunities of social media to engage with members	2	March 2017
Regional Reps to deliver local workshop/conference to support education and dissemination of best practice	3	Sept 2017