

Telemedicine for Acute Stroke update.....

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Network **NewsExchange**: aiming to ensure that people involved in the network have accurate, up-to-the-minute information about the latest issues, developments, news and events within telemedicine

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New website for SSSHN

Shropshire & Staffordshire Heart & Stroke Network have a new website
<http://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/shropshire-and-staffordshire-heart-and-stroke>

We're keen to hear your feedback, so why not take a look and [get in touch](#). Don't forget to register on the site!

Who is involved in project?

The stakeholder trusts that are currently involved in the Telemedicine project are
University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust
Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

News item updates

Telemedicine system

South Staffs Health Informatics Service (SSHIS) have been working to procure and build the telemedicine system that will be in place within Shropshire and Staffordshire. They have developed a plan of site visits and installation that will start throughout December 2011 and January 2012. Installation is envisaged to be rapid within the acute trusts, during this time they will be working to install business standard IT connectivity to the 13 consultant homes.

The cart systems will be constructed within SSHIS which will save on cost and the service will be managed over 24 hours, 7 days a week by them.

Current thrombolysis services within Shropshire and Staffordshire.

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust – service 24/7 on both sites
Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – moving to weekend service 7 am – 9pm from beginning of November in addition to existing 8 -9 week day service
University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust – 24/7 service

Network wide thrombolysis rota

The lead consultants are:

Dr Rob Campbell – The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust

Dr Bhaskar Mukherjee - Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Indira Natarajan – University Hospital of North Staffordshire

The on call rota continues to function with each consultant doing a week on call. This equates to approximately 3 -4 weeks per year on call. All consultants choose their week on call and complete an audit form to indicate intensity and results of on call. It is hoped that 2 additional consultants from Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospital of North Staffordshire will join rota next year

Workforce Training

The Network is developing a sustainable workforce training package for telemedicine that will be in the format of a DVD. This is being developed by the Burton Hospitals simulation centre and will be used to deliver training for all clinical staff that will be involved in thrombolysis delivery.

Publicity

Shropshire and Staffordshire Heart and Stroke Network were asked to present the project at the NHS West Midlands Expo event in Walsall on 5th October. A 20 minute talk was given by Sarah Crawford Thomas, Dr Indira Natarajan and Kate Burley. This presentation has since been submitted to the QIPP 3rd Annual National Symposium by NHS West Midlands as one of their 2 key projects that will help stakeholder trusts with QIPP.

Go Live date

It is anticipated that the date for going live will be early 2012. This has been revised to reflect the delays that were experienced in final procurement processes. SSHIS have been working closely with the Network to ensure all stakeholders are aware of procurement outcome and the plan for roll out of system.