

World Stroke Day Forum: Meet & Greet with The National Brain Appeal

The National
Brain Appeal
Funding advances
in neurology and
neurosurgery

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About The National Brain Appeal

- Dedicated charity of the National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery & The Institute of Neurology – together known as ‘Queen Square’
- Established in 1984 and since then have raised well over £45m
- We fund crucial projects including building programmes, new technology, equipment and research
- We are a small team with huge ambitions and we need your support



How we support stroke

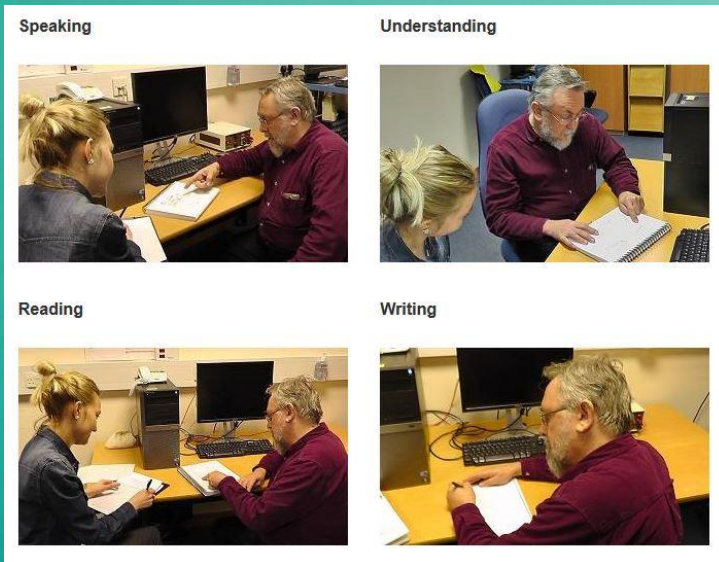
- **Raised £1.5m** to create an acute interventional neuroradiology service for stroke
- **Raising £600,000** to support the creation and development of the new intensive aphasia service

Aphasia Appeal

- Aphasia is when a person has difficulty understanding and using language or speech. It's usually caused by damage to the left side of the brain (for example, as a result of a stroke, a traumatic brain injury or a brain tumour)
- The National Brain Appeal has committed to raise £600,000 over two years to support the creation of a new, gold-standard service for aphasia at The National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London

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- The new programme provides two pathways:



1. High-intensity

The high-intensity patients at Queen Square will receive 7.5 hours of therapy per day (a mixture of one-to-one therapy, group therapy, eTherapy, psychological support and vocational rehabilitation), five days a week for three weeks

2. Low-intensity

For those patients unable to tolerate high-intensity therapy, the emphasis will be on group work with individuals attending the neurorehabilitation once a week alongside out-patient support using eTherapies.

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- The hope is that this will lead to improved health, well-being (reduced depression), improved ability to perform daily activities with reduced social care costs and carer burden.
- This will also help to support caregivers
- So far, the new service has provided some really positive results...

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- Aphasic patients taking part in the new service improved on all four main language domains at 3-weeks and 3-months.
- Speech production improving significantly more than the other domains.
- Results suggest that high-dose, high-intensity SLT can lead to ongoing (self-generated) gains in speech production
- Patients interested in taking part in this treatment should ask their GP to electronically refer them to this clinic. It is a NHS service .
- Please note at the moment there is reduced capacity to be seen (clinic runs just twice a monthly) due to Covid-19 restrictions. As such patients are advised to prioritise accessing local SLT services at this time but get referred now if interested in the clinic for future 2021 aphasia rehab.

Aphasia Appeal

- To support the Aphasia Appeal, you can do so here:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/aphasia



Other ways of supporting The National Brain Appeal



- Take on a challenge
- Attend an event
- Organise your own event
- Volunteer
- Spread the word

Upcoming Events

2020

November:

5-8: A Letter in Mind (art exhibition at Gallery@Oxo)

2021

April:

11: Royal Parks Half Marathon

Oct:

3: Virgin Money London Marathon



Volunteer Opportunities

- Every Tuesday we run an information stall in the Hospital
- Become a NHNN volunteer
- Cheer point volunteers
- One off events



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