

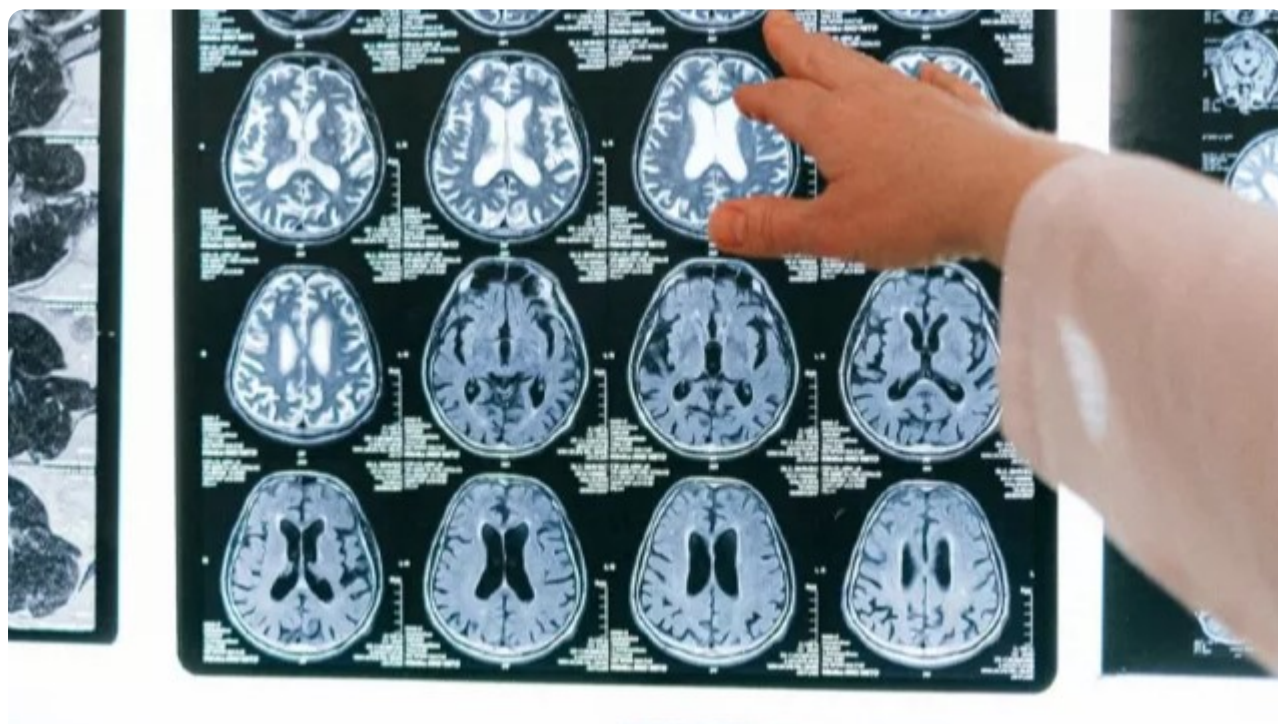
Welcome to the October 2023 issue

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**Welcome to the latest issue of the 'Experts in MS' newsletter**

We have information on our recent Cognitive Screening and Non-elective admissions webinars, as well as our upcoming cultural competency webinar.



**Cultural awareness within neurorehabilitation webinar**

**Wednesday 13 December, 0930 - 1100, MS Teams**

Working in partnership with the Greater Manchester Neurorehabilitation and Stroke Integrated Delivery Network we will be holding a webinar on long term conditions and treating culturally diverse patients.

The webinar will feature speakers including Dr Carol Sampson and Suki Wong, who will share practice and patient case studies.

These case studies aim to:

- recognise the importance and value of cultural and value-based goal setting
- understand how knowledge of these values can shape neurorehabilitation services and improve patient care

[Find out more and register for the webinar →](#)



## Introducing our Stakeholder Engagement Team

Our five Stakeholder Engagement Officers (SEOs) work across the UK. Learn more about how they help to influence service improvement, innovation and professional engagement.

Looking for opportunities to improve services and ways to involve the MS community? We're always happy to hear suggestions for areas to focus on and develop resources for. And for professionals to share their ideas and ways of working.

[Find out more about how you can have your say →](#)

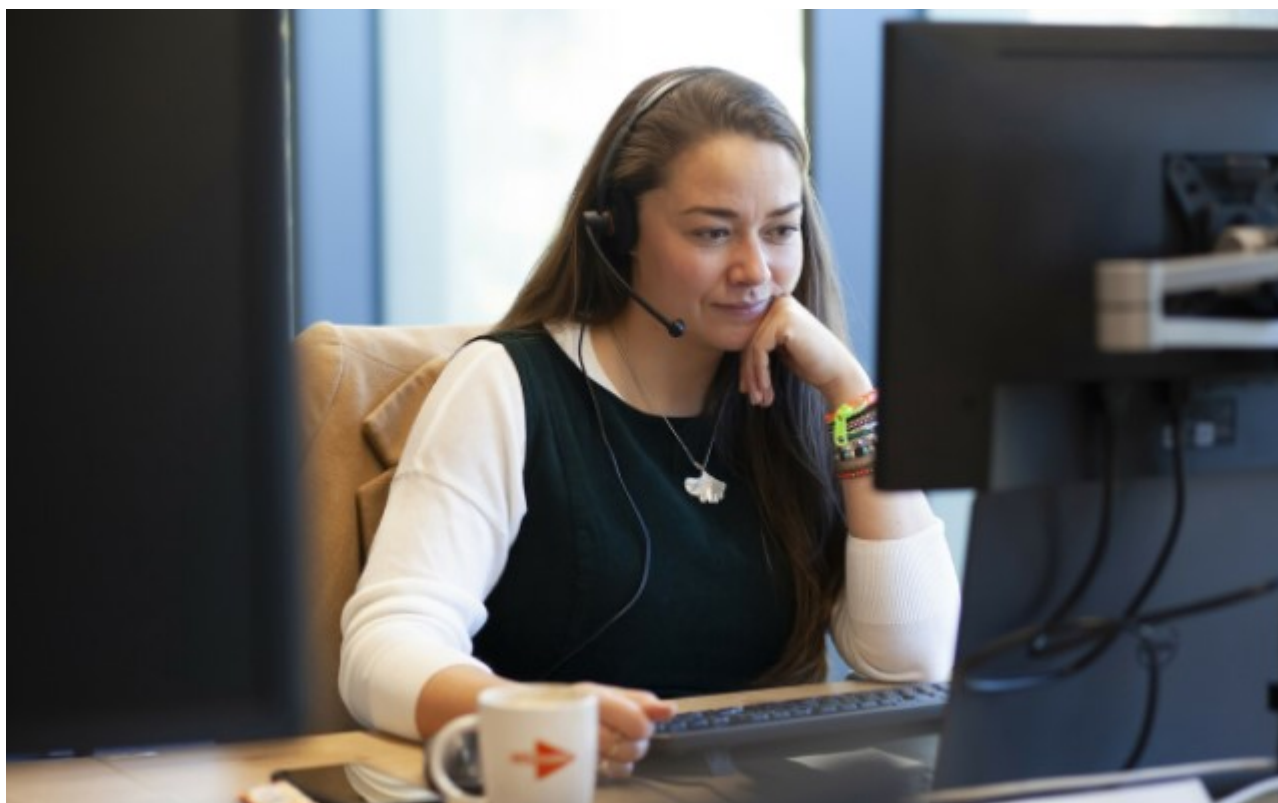


### Professional signposting survey

We would like to hear from health and care professionals about when you direct patients to external organisations and charities for help.

Your feedback will help individuals with MS throughout the UK and also enhance our understanding of the professionals supporting them, ensuring we cater to your needs more effectively.

We need as many health professionals as possible to complete the survey so we can better understand your needs and perspectives.

[Have your say →](#)

## Cognitive screening webinar

We know that approximately 40-60% of people with MS have cognitive difficulties which can have a negative impact on their personal, professional and social lives.

In July we held a webinar on delivering cognitive screening and rehabilitation within MS Pathways, led by Professor Roshan Das Nair and Lauren Taylor.

It focused on the application of psychological and neuropsychological science to better understand and treat psychological issues, and gave an overview of cognitive screening, cognitive rehabilitation and examples of how teams can give support.

[Catch up on the cognitive screening webinar →](#)



## Non-elective admissions webinar recording

People with progressive MS are more likely to experience unplanned hospital admission and longer hospital stays. And risk deteriorating significantly during these stays.

Caring for the person with progressive MS in hospital can be challenging due to the complex physical and sometimes cognitive disabilities they may present with.

Two experienced clinical nurse specialists in MS, Emma Matthews and Miranda Olding, have developed a pathway that prompts staff on general wards in the best care, using simple, achievable actions.

This helps prevent deterioration, reduce length of stay and promote speedier and safer discharge home.

[Watch the webinar →](#)



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