

## Draft Program for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration and refreshments                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|               | <b>FIRST MORNING SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | <b>Welcome to the 2026 Welsh Stroke Conference</b><br>Dr Tal Anjum<br>Chair of Welsh Association of Stroke Physicians                                                                                                             |
| 09:10 – 09:40 | <b>My stroke story</b><br>Lauren Brookes<br>North Wales                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 09:40 – 10:20 | <b>Thrombectomy services in Wales – current and future</b><br>Speakers from: UHW (Cardiff), Southmead (Bristol), Walton (Liverpool)<br>Title and speakers to be confirmed                                                         |
| 10:20 – 10:50 | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|               | <b>SECOND MORNING SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10:50 – 11:35 | <b>Rehab approaches</b><br>Title and speaker to be confirmed                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 11:35 – 11:45 | <b>Introduction to Bhowmick Lecture</b><br>Dr Benjamin Jolley<br>Chair of the Welsh Stroke Conference                                                                                                                             |
| 11:45 – 12:30 | <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>Bhowmick Lecture</b><br/> <b>Title to be confirmed</b><br/>         Professor Martin James<br/>         Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital       </div> |
| 12:30 – 13:10 | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 13:10 – 14:00 | <b>POSTER TOUR</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| AFTERNOON SESSIONS |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                             |
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|                    | Parallel Session 1: Cognition                                                                                                                                                                          | Parallel Session 2: Recovery                                                                                |
| 14:00 – 14:30      | <b>Management of Delirium – Neurological Perspective</b><br>Professor Mohammed Zia Katshu<br>University of Nottingham                                                                                  | <b>XR technologies in stroke rehabilitation</b><br>Dr Ken Valyear<br>Bangor University                      |
| 14:30 – 15:00      | <b>Management of Delirium – Psychiatric Perspective</b> <span style="background-color: #00AEEF; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">VIRTUAL</span><br>Professor Alexandre Carter<br>Washington University | <b>Neurostimulation therapy for dysphagia</b><br>Jade Farrell<br>Swansea Bay University Health Board        |
| 15:00 – 15:30      | <b>BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                             |
| 15:30 – 16:30      | <b>Functional Cognition</b> <span style="background-color: #00AEEF; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">VIRTUAL</span><br>Professor Lisa Connor<br>Washington University                                  | <b>Medicolegal issues in stroke</b><br>Dr Alakendu Sekhar<br>The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust         |
| 16:00 – 16:30      | <b>Orthoptics</b><br>Dr Lauren Hepworth<br>University of Liverpool                                                                                                                                     | <b>Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness</b><br>Dr Andrea Lowman<br>Cardiff and Vale University Health Board |
| 16:30              | <b>CLOSE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                             |

**Draft Program for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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| 08:00 – 09:00                 | Registration and refreshments                                                                                             |
| <b>FIRST MORNING SESSION</b>  |                                                                                                                           |
| 09:00 – 09:05                 | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>Dr Manju Krishnan<br>Wales Research Lead for Stroke<br>Health and Care Research Wales |
| 09:05 – 09:30                 | <b>Highlights and new opportunities in the NIHR Stroke Portfolio</b><br>Professor Chris Price<br>Newcastle University     |
| 09:30 – 10:30                 | <b>Top five Scoring Abstracts – Podium presentations</b>                                                                  |
| 10:30 – 10:55                 | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                       |
| <b>SECOND MORNING SESSION</b> |                                                                                                                           |
| 10:55 – 11:00                 | <b>Announcement of Poster and Podium Winners</b><br>Dr Benjamin Jolley                                                    |
| 11:00 – 12:00                 | <b>Sponsored Symposium</b><br>Title and speaker to be confirmed                                                           |
| 12:00 – 12:10                 | <b>COMFORT BREAK</b>                                                                                                      |

|                      | <b>Parallel Session 3:<br/>Rehabilitation</b>                                                                        |                                                                                                                     | <b>Parallel Session 4: Stroke Trials</b>                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>12:10 – 13:10</b> | <b>Practical strength exercise training</b><br>Title and speaker to be confirmed                                     | <b>12:10 – 12:30</b>                                                                                                | <b>CLEARER trial</b> <span style="background-color: #00AEEF; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">VIRTUAL</span><br>Dr Alan C Cameron<br>University of Glasgow |
|                      |                                                                                                                      | <b>12:30 – 12:50</b>                                                                                                | <b>Frailty/SAIL data</b><br>Jonathan Hewitt<br>Cardiff University and Aneurin Bevan<br>University Health Board                                             |
|                      |                                                                                                                      | <b>12:50 – 13:10</b>                                                                                                | <b>PREDICT-EV</b><br>Professor Philip James<br>Cardiff Metropolitan University                                                                             |
| <b>13:10 – 13:30</b> | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>13:30 – 14:15</b> | <b>POSTER TOUR</b>                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                      | <b>AFTERNOON SESSIONS</b>                                                                                            |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                            |
|                      | <b>Parallel Session 5: Nursing a patient<br/>following a stroke</b>                                                  | <b>Parallel Session 6: Any Other Business</b>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>14:15 – 14:45</b> | <b>Continence issues post stroke</b><br>Dr Victoria Suter-Jones<br>Cardiff and Vale University Health Board          | <b>Hyperacute treatment in delayed presenters –<br/>Imaging considerations</b><br>Title and speaker to be confirmed |                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>14:45 – 15:15</b> | <b>Stroke Prevention</b><br>Holly Brislen, Emma Davies and Nicola Vickers<br>Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board | <b>Advance decision making in stroke or ethical<br/>dilemmas with feeding</b><br>Title and speaker to be confirmed  |                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>15:15</b>         | <b>CLOSE OF 2026 CONFERENCE</b>                                                                                      |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                            |