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Act FAST when Stroke suspected

Introduction

Welcome to the second issue of Learning Matters Newsletter. Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland endeavours to provide the highest quality service to those in its care and we recognise that we need to use a variety of ways to share learning such as learning letters, alerts and reports. The purpose of our newsletter is to complement the existing methods by providing staff with short examples of incidents where learning has been identified.

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Key Learning

The **FAST** campaign describes the common signs of stroke

- F**acial weakness – can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye dropped?
- A**rm weakness – can the person raise both arms?
- S**peech problems – can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?
- T**ime to call 999 if you see any one of these signs

The importance of early recognition of stroke is that it allows patients to be assessed quickly for thrombolysis. Thrombolysis can be given up to 4.5 hours after the onset of an ischaemic stroke which has been confirmed by CT scan. The earlier it is given to suitable patients the better the outcomes (i.e. less disability) for stroke survivors. Currently the thrombolysis rate for ischaemic stroke in Northern Ireland is 12%, but expert opinion used by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) suggests that this could be as high as 20% in the next 5 to 10 years.

The Public Health Agency and SPPG are committed to improving the quality of services in Northern Ireland.

Learning Matters Newsletter provides a new method of sharing learning relating to serious adverse incidents, complaints, reviews and patient experience across Northern Ireland.

If you have any comments or questions on the articles in the newsletter please get in contact by email at learningmatters@hscni.net or by telephone on 0300 555 0114.

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