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## Project Aims



Support NHS Boards to implement the clinical standards for neurological health services to improve the quality of care for patients with neurological conditions.

## Current Work

- End of year 1 interim evaluation - report due end Aug '11.
- Condition specific event report and functional symptoms event reports due Aug '11
- SGHD funding to support implementation of standards being released Aug '11.
- Short Life Reference Group for functional symptoms in Neurology to convene in Sept '11. Report due Jan '12
- All boards compiling case studies of improvement activities.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of NHS Board implementation support visits in progress.

## Recent Achievements

### Tasks Completed

Five condition specific events to identify the criteria which will make the biggest difference in the first instance to people living with a neurological condition

Interim Evaluation. Focus group session & online questionnaire completed.

### Key Findings

These were considered to be most important :

- Access to specialist nurses
- Access to quality information
- Coordination of services
- Education provision
- Access to MDT
- Positive response to implementation support activity
- Board support visits valued
- Focussed activity drives improvement
- Need to spread and share improvements being made.

## Challenges & Opportunities

1. This programme is raising the profile of neurological services across NHSScotland.
2. Joint working with the voluntary sector and social services will improve the quality of patient care.
3. What happens next? Sustainability of improvements must be maintained at the end of the programme.

## Timeline

