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## Project Aims



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

## Current activities

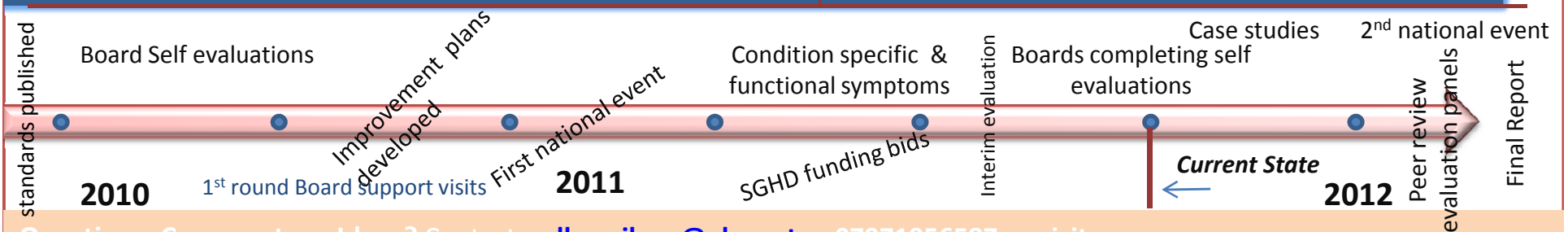
- **Functional symptoms reference group** met in Sept '11. Output will be a recommendations report in Jan'12.
- **Common dataset for neurological services** – exploratory meeting on 10 Oct '11.
- **Spread & share** – Board Improvement case studies now being submitted – MORE REQUIRED!
- **Peer review evaluation** in progress
  - Essential criteria for evaluation identified.
  - Boards completing self-evaluation
  - Selection of panels in progress
  - Call out for panel members
- **2<sup>nd</sup> National event** - 7 March 2012, Beardmore Hotel, Clydebank. Planning in progress.

Tasks Completed	Key Findings
Interim evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boards have welcomed the focus on improving neurological services.</li> <li>• Desire for more opportunities to spread and share learning.</li> <li>• Need for clarity over scrutiny and assessment.</li> </ul>
Condition specific event reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent feedback from all events.</li> <li>• Involvement of voluntary organisations &amp; patient representatives welcomed.</li> <li>• Consensus reached on key criteria considered to be the most important in the first instance.</li> </ul>
Functional symptoms event report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functional symptoms event in June 2011 was the first meeting of its kind in Scotland.</li> <li>• Highlighted significant challenge of how to effectively manage patients with functional symptoms.</li> </ul>

## Challenges & Opportunities

1. This programme is raising the profile of neurological services across NHSScotland.
2. Programme is identifying key areas for improvement for people with neurological conditions.
3. What happens next? Improvements must be sustained. Results of peer review evaluation should inform future improvements.

## Timeline



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