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Nottingham Stroke Research Partnership Group

The route to meaningful research activity can only be achieved by truly understanding the actual impact caused by stroke. In recognition of this the Nottingham Stroke Research Partnership Group was established in 2004.

A Brief History

The Nottingham Stroke Research Partnership Group (NSRPG), brand-named **atastroke**, was formed in November 2004 as an independent partnership organisation of stroke researchers from the University of Nottingham, stroke survivors and their carers. There has been a small core group of people (plus a group of virtual associates) involved over the years who have been principally engaged in the review of stroke research proposals, serving on trial steering groups, or participating in trials themselves.

The impetus for the Group came from the University's Stroke Research Strategy Group who had been aware for some time that research conducted locally had been remiss in their ability to involve stroke patients and their carers in the research process. They invited the late Dr Ossie Newell MBE who was chairman of the then Nottingham Stroke Services Partnership Action Group, **@astroke**, a patient led group, to help set up this organisation.

The group's philosophy as a partnership group can be summed up as follows:-

Patient Focused
Accountable
Responsive
True Partners
None Confrontational
Equal
Respectful
Seamless

The Group has led successful Stroke Lay Conferences annually since July 2013, with over 120 stroke survivors, their families and members of the public affected by stroke attending each event.

The **@astroke** Logo has the leaves of new shoots of recovery for new beginnings. This was adopted in memory of Philip Noskeau and in gratitude for the original members who came from the **@astroke** organisation to form the Group in November 2004.

New members have been recruited to the core group of the structure and its size has been increased to 15 members.

In September 2015, the late Dr Ossie Newell MBE and Professor Marion Walker MBE stepped down from their Joint Chair roles of the Stroke Partnership Research Group.

The meetings take place every month.

Chairs of the Nottingham Stroke Research Partnership Group

This group is co-chaired by stroke survivors Mr Philip Johnson, Dr Fred Higton. Professor Nikola Sprigg and Dr Rebecca Fisher are joint Academic Chairs. Helen Taylor oversees the NSRPG operations.

Mr Philip Johnson
Stroke survivor, Joint Lay Chair

Dr Fred Higton
Stroke survivor, Joint Lay Chair

“When you suffer a stroke it can stop you doing something that you have always been able to do. Find another way to do it, or find something different to do. Never give up!”



Dr Rebecca Fisher
Joint Academic Chair

Rebecca is a Stroke Association HRH The Princess Margaret Senior Lecturer at the University of Nottingham. Rebecca's current research is focused on the implementation of evidence based community stroke services.

Professor Nikola Sprigg
Joint Academic Chair

Nikola is Clinical Professor of Stroke Medicine at the University of Nottingham, and also an Honorary Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine for Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.



Ms Helen Taylor
NSRPG Operational Lead

Helen is a Research Projects Officer on the ARC-East Midlands Building Community Resilience and Enabling Independence Theme; School of Medicine PPI Working Group Member and Coordinator; former Ossie Newell Foundation Trustee.

Nottingham Stroke Research Partnership Group Structure

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