



# Cynghrair Niwrolegol Cymru Wales Neurological Alliance

## **Minutes of the Cross-Party Group of Neurological Conditions**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013**

**Derwen Conference Suite, Hafen Cymru, Carmarthen**

### **Present**

Rebecca Evans, AM (Chair)  
Elin Jones, AM  
Ann Sivapatham, Wales Neurological Alliance and Epilepsy Action  
Maggie Hayes, Wales Neurological Alliance  
Alan Thomas, Wales Neurological Alliance and Ataxia South Wales  
Kate Steele, Wales Neurological Alliance and Shine Cymru  
Dr Tanya Edmonds, Neuropsychologist, ABMU  
Dr Zoe Fisher, Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychology  
Audrey Rogers, Assistant Director of Therapies and Health Science Hywel  
Dr Claire Willson, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist - UHW  
Dr Helen Payne, Consultant Clinical Psychologist/Neuropsychologist – Hywel Dda  
Jane Hodson  
Sarah Price  
Steve Jones MS Nurse Specialist  
Melanie Hayes, Shine Cymru  
Sandy Mather, West Wales Neurological Alliance and South West Wales Neurological Alliance  
Ian Folks, Previously Chair West Wales Neurological Alliance  
Robert Messenger, Coordinator for Children with Complex Needs, Carmarthenshire County Council  
Colin Sanders, Parkinsons UK Champion for West Wales  
David Murray, Wales Neurological Alliance, Cure Parkinsons  
Gerald Crowley, MS Society Branch Chairman  
Margaret Crowley SU  
Steve Walford, Ataxia South Wales (Newport and Cardiff)  
Margaret Evans, Ataxia South Wales  
Dawn Morgan, Ataxia South Wales  
Emma Hughes, Genetics UK

Claire Hurlin, Chronic Conditions Lead

## Apologies

Mark Isherwood AM  
Ana Palazon, Wales Neurological Alliance and Stroke Association  
Joseph Carter, Wales Neurological Alliance and MS Society Cymru  
Urtha Felda, Wales Neurological Alliance  
Dave Maggs, Wales Neurological Alliance  
Kevin Thomas, Wales Neurological Alliance  
Kathryn Davies, Director of Therapies Health Science Hywel Dda  
Dr Rowena Matthews, GP & Medical Director Hwyl Dda  
Catherine Poulter, CRT Locality Manager, Carmarthenshire Council  
Janet Lewis, Social Worker with adults with Neurological Impairments  
Simon Thomas AM  
Emma Whitley, Pembrokeshire CRT Locality Manager  
Paul Manning, Shine Cymru  
Jan Russell, WAMES  
Dr Malin Falck, Consultant Clinical Psychologist in Neuropsychology

Rebecca Evans AM welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked the venue and Wales Neurological Alliance for acting as secretariat for the Cross Party Group Neurological Conditions.

Rebecca Evans AM introduced the following presentations (please click on picture to link to the PowerPoint):

### **1 - Wales Neurological Alliance – Overview presented by Kate Steele, WNA**



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Wales Neurological Alliance

*'Providing a powerful Welsh voice to  
express the shared interests of people  
affected by neurological conditions'*

**2 - Psychological Support for People with Neurological Conditions in West Wales, Ian Folks – Previous Chair of West Wales Neurological Alliance**



## **Cross Party Group for Neurological Conditions**

**Cognitive and Emotional Needs of  
People living with neurological  
conditions in West Wales**

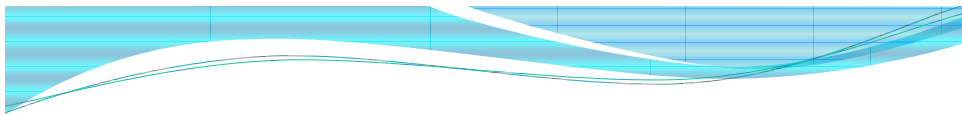
**3 - Its not just the shakes - Patient/Service User Experience David Murray**



# It's Not Just The Shakes

David Murray

**4 - The Perspective of a Neuropsychologist - Dr Tanya Edmonds, Lead Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, AMBU**



## The Role Of A Neuropsychologist

Dr Tanya Edmonds  
Lead Consultant Neuropsychologist  
Regional Services ABMU



**5 - Neurologist View Dr Claire Hirst - Consultant Neurologist, Hywel Dda**

## Cross Party Group Neurological conditions

### Neurologists View

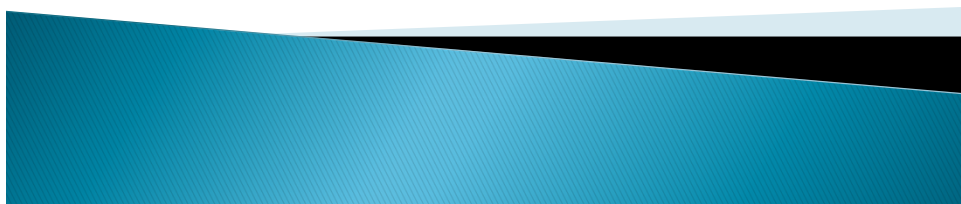


Dr Claire Hirst  
Consultant Neurologist  
Hywel dda Health board  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2013

**6 - Clinical Lead for Neuropsychology in C&V Dr Claire Willson - Clinical Lead for Neuropsychology in Cardiff & Vale**

## Neuropsychology Service UHW & Rookwood

Dr Claire Willson



**Audrey Roberts, Assistant Director Therapies and Health Science, Hywel Dda Health Board**

Rebecca Evans AM invited Audrey Roberts Assistant Director Therapies and Health Science, Hywel Dda Health Board to provide a response to the presentations.

Audrey expressed that she had found the information insightful. Audrey advised that the presentations had scoped out gaps in service provision. She also expressed how powerful the presentation was from David Murray and that the Case Studies were useful in mapping how resources can be shared.

Audrey advised that Hywel Dda are currently working within their Population Health Programme, this programme seeks to establish more effective ways to deliver services. Neurology is one of those worksteams. The information provided at this meeting will feed into that.

Audrey also stressed that attendees should use the Neurological Conditions Delivery Plan consultation to feed back information.

**Summary and Close Rebecca Evans AM**

Rebecca Evans thanked those who presented at the meeting and expressed that she, along with her colleague, Elin Jones AM (who is also a member of the Health and Social Care Committee) and the Cross Party Group for Neurological Conditions would seek to take the issues raised forward.

End.

\*Update\* (added 02.12.13 – MH)

Following the Cross Party Group Neurological Conditions meeting, and as promised, Rebecca Evans AM asked the following question to the Business Minister, Lesley Griffiths AM on 26.11.13

Rebecca Evans:

Following the very successful meeting of the cross-party group on neurological conditions in Carmarthen on Friday, I would like to ask for a statement updating us on access to neurotherapy. We heard how neuropsychology in particular can improve patients' quality of life, and the outcomes for people with neurological conditions, and it can also save the NHS money by avoiding more costly interventions. However, access seems to be patchy and limited at the moment.

Lesley Griffiths

Thank you for the question, Rebecca Evans. The Minister for Health and Social Services has recently published a consultation on neurological conditions, along with a delivery plan, which, obviously, recognises the very valuable part that neuropsychology and neuropsychiatry can play. We expect local health boards to include the provision of neuropsychological support as one of their specific priorities in the delivery of services to people with neurological conditions. As I say, the draft plan has been published, and I would encourage everyone to respond by 31 January next year.

(transcript available

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