



Cynghrai Niwrolegol Cymru  
Wales Neurological Alliance

**Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Fifth Assembly Neurological  
Conditions Cross-Party Group**

**Tuesday 14 June 2016**

**Conference Room 24, Tŷ Hywel, National Assembly for Wales**

Lynne Hughes introduced herself as the chair of the Wales Neurological Alliance Influencing sub-committee and welcomed attendees to the Fifth Assembly Cross Party Group.

Lynne then listed the National Assembly members of the Group:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Party Group</b>
Mark Isherwood AM	1 June 2016	Welsh Conservatives
Dr. Dai Lloyd AM	1 June 2016	Plaid Cymru
Vikki Howells AM	1 June 2016	Welsh Labour
Lee Walkers AM	14 June 2016	Welsh Labour
Huw Irranca-Davies AM	14 June 2016	Welsh Labour
Angela Burns AM	14 June 2016	Welsh Conservatives
David Rees AM	14 June 2016	Welsh Labour

Followed on by the representatives of the Wales Neurological Alliance Executive Committee

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Lynne Hughes	MS Society
Ana Palazon	Stroke Association
Dave Maggs	Headway
Barbara Locke	Parkinson's UK
David Murray	Cure Parkinson's
Kevin Thomas	MND Association
Ann Sivapatham	Epilepsy Action
Dafydd Williams	Muscular Dystrophy UK
Carol McCudden	Ataxia UK
Michelle Herbert	The Brain Tumour Charity
Dilwyn Jones	Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust
Ahmad Butt	British Polio Fellowship

Lynne explained that the Neurological Conditions Cross Party Group meetings were open to the public and that invitations are sent to WNA member organisations and others with an interest in neurological conditions.

The current members of the Wales Neurological Alliance are:

**Member name**

- Ataxia UK
- Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust
- Brain and Spine Foundation
- British Polio Fellowship
- Charcot Marie Tooth UK
- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Children's Brain Injury Trust
- Cure Parkinson's Trust
- Different Strokes
- Dystonia Society
- Epilepsy Action Cymru
- Epilepsy Wales
- Headway Wales
- Meningitis Now
- Migraine Action
- Motor Neurone Disease Association
- Multiple Sclerosis Society Cymru
- Muscular Dystrophy UK
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Neurotherapy Centre
- Neurological Alliance
- Parkinson's UK
- Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy Association
- Shine Cymru
- Stroke Association
- The Brain Tumour Charity

Lynne explained that the aim of the Neurological Conditions Cross Party Group was to improve services for people affected by neurological conditions. The objectives of the group were as follows:

- To engage and work in partnership with people affected by neurological conditions
- To raise awareness of neurological conditions and their impact on individuals and their communities
- To inform and influence the Welsh Government about the needs of people affected by neurological conditions
- To support and promote appropriate research

Lynne went on to explain that during the period that the Fourth Assembly Neurological Conditions Cross Party Group ran, two inquiries were held. These were inquiries into Neurological Conditions (2011) and Access to Neuro-physiotherapy (2013) and she was pleased that these contributed to the previous Welsh Government's commitment to produce a Neurological Conditions Delivery Plan. The CPG was also very involved in responding to the draft Neurological Conditions Delivery Plan, the WNA now having three representatives on the Neurological Conditions Implementation Group.

The Government has promised that the Neurological Conditions Delivery Plan will be refreshed in 2017 so she explained that there is a significant piece of work for the CPG to undertake to ensure that the voice of people affected by neurological conditions is included in this process.

There then followed the election of the Fifth Assembly Neurological Conditions Cross Party Group chair and secretary.

Mark Isherwood AM, was voted in as CPG chair, proposed by Ana Palazon, seconded by David Murray

Megan Evans, WNA Coordinator was voted in as CPG secretary, proposed by Dilwyn Jones and seconded by Lynne Hughes.

Lynne asked if attendees could remain and network with the WNA member organisations who were represented in the room and had brought information to share with attendees.