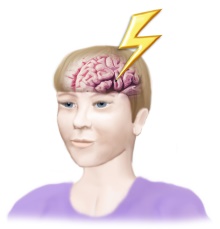
**We must improve the care**

**for people who have had a stroke**

**in Northern Ireland**

**At the moment**

**** - some people **don’t get important treatments** or have **specialist staff** in their local hospitals

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**** - some people do not get to the **right place soon enough** for treatments that could help

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We need **your views** to help us **make changes** in the **best way**

****All options for change will cost **more money**

A stroke is when the **brain is damaged** because the **blood supply to the brain is stopped**

This can happen from a **bleed**  when a blood vessel bursts

or because **an artery** to the brainbecomes **blocked by a clot in the blood**

Stroke can cause  **problems** – e.g.

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|  | **movement** |  | **thinking**, and **memory** |
|  | **communication** |  | **eyesight** |
|  | **coordination** |  | **mood** |

**Good stroke services** means -

* **Not as many people die** from a stroke
* People with stroke have **less disability** afterwards
* People make a **better recovery** from their disabilities with **rehabilitation** (therapy for **getting better)**



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**Research**  tells us **what works best** -

We need **a few highly specialist centres** for the best treatments immediately after a stroke

****We need to **get people there very**  **quickly** -

**some treatments** have to be given in the first **few hours**

****We need **stroke units** to give **rehabilitation** after the first few days

We need the **rehabilitation to carry on** after people leave hospital

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We need the stroke staff to see **enough patients** so that they are **experts**

…but **not too many** so the services are too busy

There are **6 options** to think about -

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| **Option A**  **5 Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Units**  **5 Acute Stroke Units**   * different wards in the **same hospitals** | C:\Users\1274109\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K56UUKO0\Stroke - Option A.png |
| Travel time to a **Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Unit** | Image result for free clock up to an hour  **99%** people - the journey is  less than 1 hour |
| Things to think about | There are **not enough patients** in **4 hospitals** to develop skills |

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| **Option B**  **4 Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Units**  **4 Acute Stroke Units**  - 4 different wards in the  **same hospitals**…  …with a potential 5th ward in the UlsterHospital | C:\Users\1274109\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K56UUKO0\Stroke - Option B.png |
| Travel time to a **Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Unit** | **94%** people – the journey is  less than 1 hour  Image result for free clock up to an hour |
| Things to think about | There are **not enough patients** in **2 hospitals** to develop skills |

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| **Option C**  **4 Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Units**  **4 Acute Stroke Units**  - 4 different wards in the  **same hospitals**…  …with a potential 5th ward in the UlsterHospital | C:\Users\1274109\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K56UUKO0\Stroke - Option C.png |
| Travel time to a **Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Unit** | **98%** people – the journey is  less than 1 hour  Image result for free clock up to an hour |
| Things to think about | There are **not enough patients** in **3 hospitals** to develop skills |

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| **Option D**  Phase 1 **4 Hperacute (Highly Specialist) Units**  Stage 2 **3 Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Units**  Close the Antrim specialist unit  **4 Acute Stroke Units** with a possible 5th unit at the Ulster Hospital | **Make changes in 2 phases -**  C:\Users\1274109\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K56UUKO0\Stroke - Option D1.png    C:\Users\1274109\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K56UUKO0\Stroke - Option D2 (002).png |
| Travel time to a **Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Unit** | Image result for free clock up to an hour  Stage 1 **- 94%** people – the journey is less than 1 hour  Image result for free clock up to an hour  Stage 2 - **93%** people – the journey is less than 1 hour |
| Things to think about | This allows **time to increase the service** for more patients at the Royal Victoria Hospital  In phase 2 **more patients** will go to **Altnagelvin** so staff will develop their specialist **skills** |

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| **Option E**  Phase 1 **4 Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Units**  Phase 2 **3 Highly Specialist Units**  Close the unit in the South West Acute Hospital  **4 Acute Stroke Units** with a possible 5th stroke unit at the Ulster Hospital | **Make changes in 2 phases –**  C:\Users\1274109\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K56UUKO0\Stroke - Option E1.png  C:\Users\1274109\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K56UUKO0\Stroke - Option E2.png |
| Travel time to a  **Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Unit** | Stage 1 **- 98%** people – the journey is less than 1 hour  **Image result for free clock up to an hour**  Stage 2 **- 93%** people – the journey is less than 1 hour  **Image result for free clock up to an hour**  Image result for northern ireland air ambulance**Some people** will need to travel for **1 ½ hours**  An air ambulance could help reduce travel time |
| Things to think about | None of the has the right numbers of patients - 3 have **too few** and 1 has **too many**  In phase 2 **Craigavon Hospital** would develop **better expertise** in their staff.  There is **no time** to plan for coping with **too many patients** in the Royal Victoria Hospital |

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| **Option F**  **3 Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Units,**  **4 Acute Stroke Units** with a possible 5th unit at the Ulster Hospital. | C:\Users\1274109\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K56UUKO0\Stroke - Option F.png |
| Travel time to a  **Hyperacute (Highly Specialist) Unit** | Image result for free clock up to an hourClock periods vector drawing  **93%** people – the journey is less than 1 hour  Some people may need to travel up to **2 hours**  Image result for northern ireland air ambulanceAn **air ambulance** could help reduce travel time |
| Things  to think about | The **Royal Victoria hospital** will be **too busy**  This option depends on providing  **more staff and beds** to help it cope    This is the **best option**  for the Altnagelvin hospital |

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| **Tell us which option you like best**   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | A | B | C | D | E | F | |  |
| Tell us **any other ideas**  for how we could make the changes.  **Thank you** your views will make a difference  **There is more information on our website**  [www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/reshaping-stroke-care](http://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/reshaping-stroke-care) | |