

The London Stroke Networks

The London Stroke Networks were established to implement the National Stroke Strategy.

Patient focus

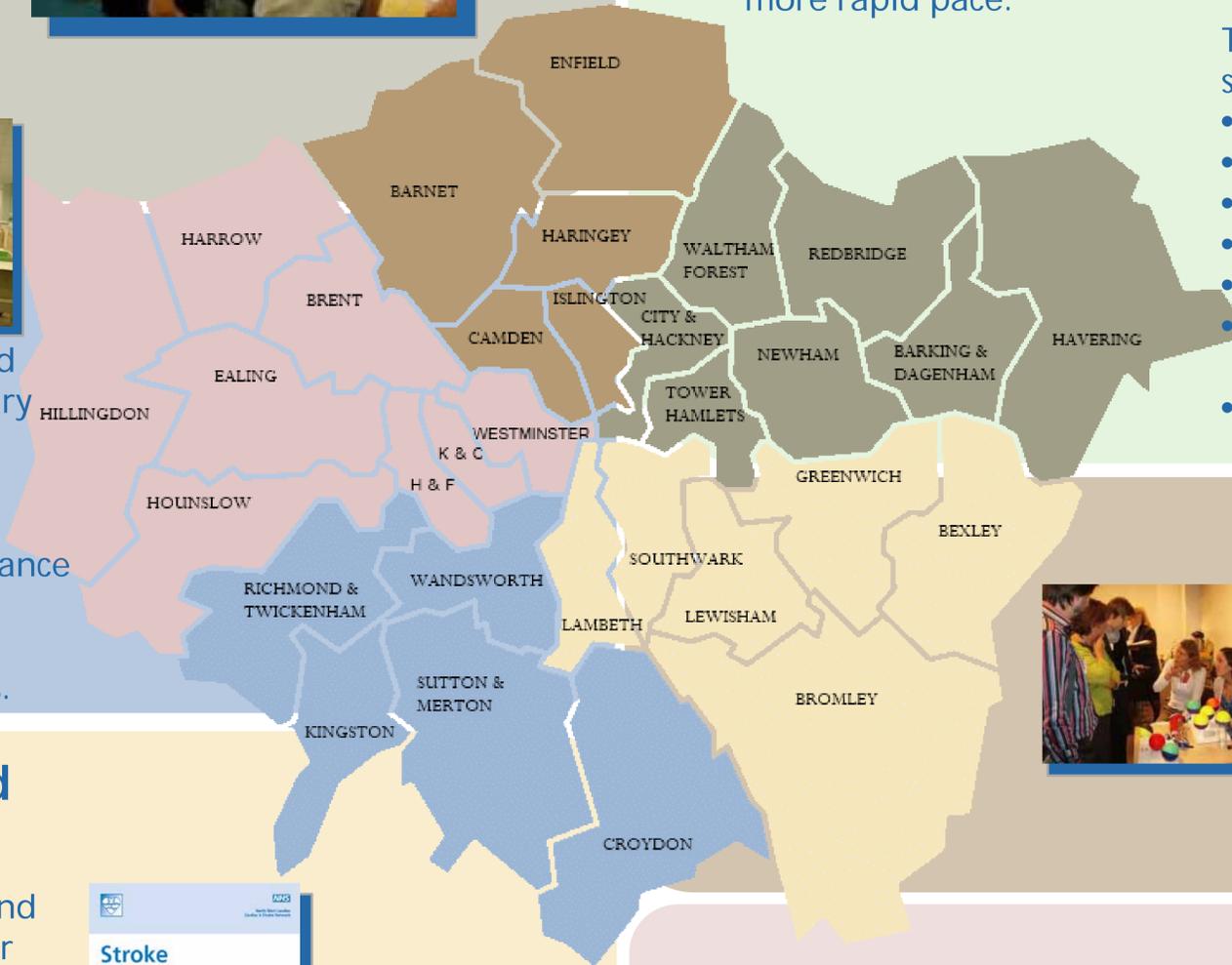
The networks connect with patients to listen to their views and work to implement them into the pathway. They create standardised resources for healthcare professionals to use in everyday practice to improve communication with patients and their understanding of their treatment.



Collaboration

Network collaboration extends from patients and the public through primary, secondary and tertiary care to advance cardiac and stroke care in the capital.

The networks also team with the London Ambulance Service, voluntary organisations and local involvement networks to promote prevention efforts, best practice and standardised protocols.



Commissioning

The networks maintain an unbiased link between commissioners, clinicians, managers, front line staff and patients, working to represent the best interest of patients. This neutrality extends to arbitration and negotiation between commissioners and providers, driving quality improvements at a more rapid pace.

The networks' commissioning expertise spans the spectrum:

- Development of strategy
- Clinical and service user engagement
- Pathway development
- Brokering and facilitation
- Transforming evidence into practice
- Driving improvement through benchmarking and performance monitoring
- Developing service specifications

Education

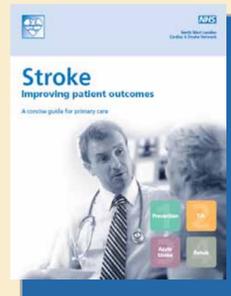
For GPs, nurses and other clinical professionals, the networks offer education events covering a broad range of topics, such as the prevention of stroke, the management of atrial fibrillation and national clinical guidance and best practice.



Resources to improve clinical and financial outcomes

Spanning the patient pathway both vertically and horizontally, the networks develop resources for patients, GPs, commissioners and more.

Networks possess a high-level understanding of challenges that exist across the capital yet also a firm grasp of practical implementation at local level.



Pilot programs

The networks work with local sites and organisations to implement pilot programmes which, upon proven success, are rolled out across the sector and the capital.



Connecting healthcare across the capital.

The London Cardiac and Stroke Networks bring together patients, GPs, commissioners and providers for improved patient outcomes along the entire pathway.

