

Care of People with Progressive and Advanced MS on an Unplanned Admission to Hospital

Experts in MS

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Introducing a pathway to guide the ‘Care of People with Progressive and Advanced MS on an Unplanned Admission to Hospital’.

People with progressive MS are more likely to experience unplanned hospital admissions, longer hospital stays, and risk deteriorating significantly during these stays. Caring for the person with progressive MS in hospital can be challenging due to the complex disabilities that maybe underlying their acute illness, and most stays will take place on general medical hospital wards.

Designed by clinical nurse specialists and created in collaboration with people with MS and ward staff, this pathway provides simple prompts for key actions to help identify risks, prevent deterioration, and help promote a safe and timely discharge from hospital.

Emma Matthews and Miranda Olding, clinical nurse specialists in MS, shared their work and invite others to get involved on the pathway in an Experts in MS webinar. You can watch the webinar and find out more by clicking this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYs-A-d1xMQ>

The larger Pathway plan includes a new role of ‘MS link nurse’ being formed, with enhanced communication, and regular training provided by MS Specialist Nurses to ward ‘link nurses’. This Pathway will now be piloted across two NHS Hospital Trusts, and a more comprehensive implementation package designed to support Health Care Professionals in introducing the Pathway will be produced following the pilot in 2024.

To register your interest in receiving this package after the pilots please contact us through:

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A care pathway for a person with Progressive MS in an acute hospital admission



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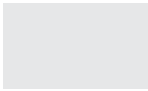
Key for flowchart



The start or an end of a process



A decision that needs to be made



An action that takes place



Additional information to an action providing a greater level of depth



Connecting lines to show the direction of the pathway and possible routes that can be taken



Potential addition to the pathway as an improvement

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and everything in between.
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like with MS. Together, we are
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