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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the April edition of the Experts in MS newsletter. In this issue, we bring you the latest updates on MS research, professional development opportunities, and key resources to enhance your practice.

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Research News & Updates

Inequality in MS diagnosis and treatment

A new study reveals disparities in access to MS diagnosis, treatment, and support. Not all individuals with MS benefit equally from recent advances.

▶ [Explore the study](#)

Psychological tools for staying in work

Learn about Professor Helen Ford's work empowering people with MS to thrive in their careers using psychological tools.

▶ [Learn about the tools](#)

Education & Professional Development

FACETS for Facilitators – Upcoming courses

Our online training course to enable you to deliver the FACETS group fatigue management programme. Bookings for our next two courses is open.

First course: 29 June and 6 July

Second course: 2 October and 9 October

▶ [Book your place today](#)



Policy & System Developments

Mental Health Pathway for neurological conditions

The **National Neurosciences Advisory Group** has published an optimal clinical pathway outlining what good mental health care should look like for adults with neurological conditions.

Designed to support service transformation in England, it provides a benchmark for commissioners and providers working across neurology and mental health interfaces.

▶ [Read more about the Pathway.](#)

New MS Help Hub launched

We're streamlining access to trusted information and support. It combines all our services into one easy-to-navigate platform, offering guidance by phone, email, letter, or webchat.

The new MS Help Hub will provide:

- A single point of contact
- Self-support resources
- Clear signposting to specialist services
- Up-to-date local service information

▶ [Find out more about the MS Help Hub service](#)

Funding & Innovation

Innovative awareness training for Healthcare Professionals

Thursday 2 July, 7 - 8:15 pm

A webinar sharing the outcomes of a powerful experiential training pilot. A group of healthcare professionals and senior NHS managers put themselves in the shoes of someone living with MS for 24 hours.

Delivered by A Life in a Day across Greater Manchester.

▶ [Register for the webinar](#)

Service Innovation & Best Practice

Collaborative working in Neurorehabilitation

Wednesday 17 June | 7.00 - 8.15pm

This webinar showcases:

- Neurology outpatient physiotherapy at Betsi Cadwaladr UHB
- Community Neurorehabilitation Transformation work in Greater Manchester

Includes live Q&A with speakers.

▶ [Register for the webinar](#)

Clinical Resources & Tools

Free MSIF online course for World MS Day

A free course on the importance of early diagnosis, developed by MSIF and the Menzies Institute for Medical Research.

▶ [Sign up for the course](#)

Driving and MS: New interview guide

A new resource to help Occupational Therapists discuss driving and MS, addressing this critical but often avoided topic in clinical practice.

▶ [Read the article and download the guide](#)

Thriving, not surviving: Neurorehabilitation access report

A recent report reveals that only one in three people with neurological conditions feel their healthcare needs are being fully met. Access to neurorehabilitation services remains inconsistent, with patients facing a postcode lottery in some areas.

▶ [Read the key principles](#)

‘Please, write to me’ guidance updated

PIF’s director Sophie Randall has worked with the Academy of Royal Medical Colleges to improve the quality of outpatients’ letter.

The updated **Please, Write to Me guide** provides information and advice to encourage and support healthcare professionals to communicate directly with patients in writing.

 [Download the guide](#)

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