Developing an educational framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in neurological rehabilitation

Participant information sheet (PIS) for healthcare professionals

We are inviting all healthcare professionals to take part in a consultation of a draft educational framework, designed for Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACP’s) working in Neurological Rehabilitation.

The aim of the consultation is to define the knowledge, skills and behaviours required of this role, underpinned by the four pillars of advanced practice, outlined by Health Education England (HEE) (2017): Clinical Practice, Leadership and Management, Education and Research. An introduction to ACP can be found here. More information from HEE about the multi-professional framework for ACP can be found here.

We are interested to hear your views and preferences related to a draft educational framework, designed for ACP’s working in Neurological Rehabilitation. We’d like to know if there is any specific content you would like to see covered within the framework. We will look at how your recommendations can be best implemented into the framework and translated into learning objects.

What would taking part involve?

Your participation in this survey is voluntary.

Depending on how many domains you would like to review, it may take up to 45 minutes to complete this survey.

You will be asked to provide informed consent below, and if you select ‘Yes’, you will be able to proceed to the next page of this survey.

The sections of this survey are as follows:

- About you
- Expectations/experiences of advanced practice
- Educational framework domains (you can choose to complete a review of all these domains, or just the ones you are interested in):
  - Science
  - Assessment, investigations and diagnosis of neurological conditions
  - Neurological condition management and treatment (including specialist neurological rehabilitation, therapy and care)
  - Personalised and collaborative working and population health
Who is organising and funding the consultations?

Consultations are being organised by Dr. Allie Welsh, a senior research associate at the University of East Anglia (UEA), along with Dr. Kathryn Mares (Lecturer in Physiotherapy), Dr. Nicola Hancock (Lecturer in Physiotherapy), Steve Smith (Associate Professor in Nursing Science) and Neil Coull (Lecturer in Speech and Language Therapy).

This project is funded by Health Education England (HEE) and is part of a wider set of objectives defined by HEE and Skills for Health, aiming to develop ACP educational frameworks across a number of healthcare disciplines and contexts.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

Taking part in these consultations may not provide any direct benefit to you as a participant. However, your views and opinions will contribute to transforming pathways of care within neurological rehabilitation, enabling the safe and effective sharing of skills across traditional professional boundaries.

What are the possible disadvantages or risks of taking part?

We do not anticipate there to be any disadvantages or risks of taking part.

How will my information be kept confidential?

Data collected from the survey is completely confidential. Your identity will be kept secure and you will not be identifiable in any final report.

What will happen if I want to stop the survey?

You are free to stop the survey at any time, without giving a reason. However, it will not be possible to delete your responses due to anonymity.

What will happen to the findings of the consultations?

Consultations will inform the finalised version of the educational framework for ACP’s working in neurological rehabilitation. The final draft framework will be shared with HEE for validation. Once validated, the framework will be published via HEE’s own channels.

All data related to this project will be stored on a password protected UEA owned laptop. If you would like more information about UEA’s policy on data storage, please click here.
How will patients and the public be involved in this project?

Service users (including family, friends and carers of people living with neurological conditions), will also be consulted by means of a survey, on the draft educational framework for ACP’s working in neurological rehabilitation. The survey intends to ensure the skills, knowledge and behaviours presented in the educational framework align with population needs.

Who has reviewed this project?

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Ethics Committee at the UEA have approved this project.

Project team contact details

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