



COM-STAR News

Summer 2024

More than 50% of **stroke survivors** have **communication disorders**.

This makes it **difficult** for **staff** and **patients** to **communicate** well together.

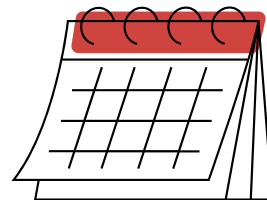
It affects how staff and patients **feel**.

It affects **quality** of **care** and **rehabilitation**.

COM-STAR will:

- 1) Understand current **communication training options** and **training needs** of staff.
- 2) Explore staff, patient and carer **experiences** of communicating.
- 2) **Co-design** a new freely available **national staff communication training package**.
- 3) **Test** the training package out in **4 NHS stroke services**.

How far through are we?



Start March 2024



End Feb 2027



HEADLINE news...

COM-STAR has started!

We **launched** the project in **Aphasia Awareness month** (June) to 150 stroke professionals.

Our stroke staff **survey** is **open!**

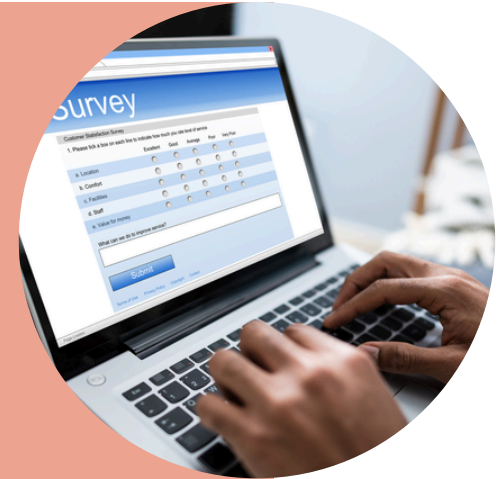
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What's been happening?

We have started looking at the **literature** on communication training.

We have **designed a survey** about communication training needs for staff.



What's happening next?

We will **interview** up to 25 stroke **staff**, stroke **patients** with communication disorders and **carers**.

We will ask them about their **experiences of communicating** with each other.

If you are interested **please get in touch!**

Highlights from Public and Patient Involvement (PPI)

Professor Chris McKeivitt leads the COM-STAR **PPI** group.

The PPI group is made up of **10 members**, **8 stroke survivors** with communication disorders and **2 family members**.

The group have met **3 times** to develop:

- Our **logo**.
- Participant **information**.
- Interview **recruitment** strategy.
- **Best ways to interview people with communication difficulties**.



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