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An evaluation of practice in the treatment of facial palsy following stroke

Collaboration for Leadership in Applied
Health Research and Care (CLAHRC)
Greater Manchester

Project aims and objectives

Aims:

Mixed methods service evaluation of facial therapy following stroke

Objectives:

Does treatment result in improvement on objective measure
What are staff attitudes to treatment?

Long term – would like facial palsy in RCP Stroke Guideline

Project plan

What have you achieved so far?

- Literature review almost complete
- Data collection complete

What are your plans for the second half of the internship?

- Data analysis
- Qualitative data - interviews

What support you might need from CLAHRC.

- Support with statistics

Lessons learned

- Under researched topic
- Speed and efficiency
- Benefits of protected time
- My skills

Obstacles/challenges

- Time
- Guilt
- Shifting between clinical practice and project

Key achievements:

- Stroke conference poster
- Networking
- Gathering new local data
- Contributing to development of new pathways
- Meeting Audrey Bowen