

Headache Service Transformation MasterClass 1.2
Improving headache and migraine services in a rapidly changing, complex NHS
9 - 10 July 2026 – Halifax Hall, Sheffield, University Campus

Day 1: Thursday, 9th July 2026

- 09:15** **Registration**
- 09:30** **Welcome, introductions & update on neurology transformation**
Dr Niran Nirmalanathan, national clinical director for neurology & consultant neurologist, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- 10:00** **Migraine research and treatments**
Rob Music, Chief executive, The Migraine Trust
- 10:15** **Delegate service transformation projects**
Chair: Dr David Paling, honorary strategic director, MS Academy & consultant neurologist, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust & delegates
- 11:00** **Open discussion around projects and barriers to implementation for headache services**
Dr David Paling & Siobhan Jones, headache nurse consultant, North Cumbria Integrated Care Trust
- 11:30** **Refreshments**
- 12:00** **Delegate service transformation projects**
Chair: Dr David Paling & delegates
- 12:45** **Open discussion around projects and barriers to implementation for headache services**
Dr David Paling & Siobhan Jones
- 13:15** **Lunch**
- 14:00** **Leadership to effect change**
Prof Gabriele De Luca, consultant neurologist, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- 15:30** **Refreshments**

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16:00 Leadership to effect change - session 2

Prof Gabriele De Luca

17:30 Day close

19:00 Pre-dinner drinks

19:30 Formal dinner & winning project announced

Rob Music, presents award

Day 2: Friday, 10th July 2026

08:30 Registration

09:00 Housekeeping & welcome

Siobhan Jones

09:15 Migraine Toolkit how can we use this to influence services

Hannah Verghese, health policy advocate

09:45 “Expanding the skill mix in headache services”

Kirsty Lawrence-Scott, advanced clinical practitioner, South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

11:00 Refreshments (final check out)

11:30 Introduction of the RCN Nursing Competency and Education Framework for the Management of Headache Disorders

Siobhan Jones

12:15 Lunch

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- 13:15** **What will the hospital headache service look like over the next decade?
Considerations for training and workforce planning**
Prof Alex Sinclair, chair of BASH
- 13:45** **Community based services how will these expand?**
David Watson, vice chair BASH
- 14:15** **Panel Q&A**
- 14:30** **“What will we do differently on Monday morning”**
Chair: Sue Thomas, independent healthcare consultant & PPV member, NHSE
neurology transformation CRG
- Each group feeds back:
- 1. One thing to stop**
 - 2. One thing to start**
 - 3. One thing to do differently**
- 15:15** **Take home messages!**
Sue Thomas
- 15:30** **Depart**