

National Neurology Transformation Meeting 2026

4th February 2026, Macdonald Burlington Hotel, Birmingham

Wednesday, 4th February 2026

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| 08:30 | Registration |
| 09:30 | Welcome and introduction: recap on previous meeting
Dr Martin Wilson, consultant neurologist, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust and deputy chair, NHSE Neurology CRG |
| 09:45 | How the NHS has changed & what that means for neurology - service specification
Dr Niranjanan Nirmalanathan, NHSE national clinical director neurology and consultant neurologist, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust |
| 10:30 | GIRFT Neurology: reflections and the next phase of work
Dr Adrian Wills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring the broader system transformation and its implications for neurology service design, commissioning, and delivery• Introduction to the new GIRFT lead and insight into national data, benchmarking, and next steps |
| 10:45 | Open Q&A
Dr Niranjanan Nirmalanathan & Dr Adrian Wills |
| 11:00 | Bringing together neurology and stroke care: implications for training and service
Dr Anthony Pereira, consultant neurologist, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Exploring how junior doctor training and service pathways can improve collaboration between neurology and stroke teams <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding new approaches to the commissioning of complex care and specialised pathways |
| 11:45 | Coffee and posters |
| 12:15 | Addressing workforce challenges
Dr Arani Nitkunan, consultant neurologist and neurology lead, Croydon Health Services NHS Trust and co-chair, South West London Neurology Network & Georgina Carr, CEO, The Neurological Alliance |
| 12:45 | Lunch and posters |

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- 13:45** **Project session: system level models and service innovations**
Dr Niranjanan Nirmalanathan
- The top 3 will be presented and the winner will be chosen by peers
 - 3 minute presentations with short Q&A
 - Voting opens
- 14:15** **Commissioning services for rare & ultra-rare conditions**
Speaker TBC
- Understanding new approaches to the commissioning of complex care and specialised pathways
- 15:00** **Project session: winner announced**
Dr Niranjanan Nirmalanathan & Dr Martin Wilson
- 15:15** **Neuropsychiatry and psychology in neurology care**
Dr Czarina Kirk, consultant neuropsychiatrist, Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust
- Highlighting the importance of integrated mental health support within neurology services, workforce challenges, and case examples
- 16:00** **Closing remarks & calls to action for stakeholders**
- 16:15** **Depart**