



**Executive Summary of Joint Working Outputs**  
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Project Title	Observations of ongoing management of stroke patients discharged from healthcare services across the Oxford AHSN footprint during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Duration	September 2020 to October 2021
Project Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxford Academic Health Science Network</li> <li>• Bayer plc</li> </ul>
What was the issue to be addressed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aim of the project was to use in-depth qualitative analysis to provide an understanding of the impact of the changes to the provision of stroke rehabilitation as a result of COVID-19 planning.</li> <li>• This understanding will then be used to enable the NHS to identify potential solutions and system changes to optimise current and future patient care.</li> </ul>
What was the intervention?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with stroke rehabilitation services across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care System (ICS)</li> <li>• Stakeholder interviews</li> <li>• Virtual Stakeholder workshop using Systematic Inventive Thinking (SIT) methodology to identify embedded service changes and potential future service improvements</li> <li>• Landscape review of stroke rehabilitation adaptation during COVID-19</li> </ul>
What were the results?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of how stroke services have adapted to cope with constraints created by the pandemic</li> <li>• Understanding of the impact of adapted services on both staff and patients</li> <li>• Identification of key elements of service delivery that have the potential to deliver ongoing service improvement post-pandemic</li> <li>• Recommendations regarding service improvement for consideration by Integrated Stroke Delivery Networks (ISDNs)</li> </ul>