

Somerset
Partnership

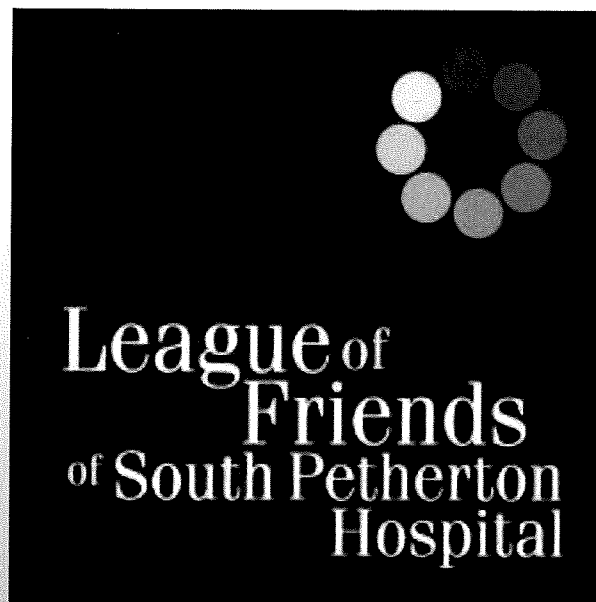
League of Friends – research support

Background

The League of Friends of South Petherton Hospital (a registered charity) has always been generous in funding the purchase of equipment and enhancements to the new building (opened in 2011) including artwork, a landscaped garden and a mobility rehabilitation area.

In 2013, with support from the South West Stroke Research Network, the Consultant Nurse for Stroke at South Petherton Community Hospital approached the League of Friends to support research in the hospital by funding a research practitioner post.

A one day per week (0.2 WTE) Band 6 "Senior Stroke Research Practitioner" was advertised as a secondment opportunity and interest was shown by both nurses and AHPs.



Innovation

The postholder works closely with both the Somerset Partnership Stroke Rehabilitation service (based at South Petherton) and the Somerset Partnership CRN Research Team.

The funding has been renewed year on year, and in 2017, the post has been established as a substantive post attached to the Somerset Partnership CRN Research Team, and integral to the support the team provides to NIHR portfolio studies.

The postholder has undertaken CRN:SWP induction and is completing the "Enhancing Clinical Research in Practice" module at Plymouth University.

Studies supported

- PLORAS - Predicting Language Outcome and Recovery After Stroke
- PRESSURE 2 - Pressure RELieving Support SURfaces: a Randomised Evaluation 2
- EXTRAS - A trial to Evaluate an eXTended RehAbilitation service for Stroke patients
- LoTS2Care - A longer-term care strategy to support stroke survivors and their carers
- DNA Lacunar 2 – investigating the main cause of vascular cognition impairment and dementia
- PROMS in Stroke - Assessment of Patient Reported Health Status Questions via Four Different Methods of Administration, in Stroke Survivors. A Randomised Controlled Trial.



League of Friends of South Petherton Hospital

Supporting community health and wellbeing

"...committed to funding the provision of equipment and services, as well as supporting innovative research, that otherwise would not be available at the hospital."

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