

Practice Development Network for AHPs

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STROKE MASTERCLASSES FOR AHPs AND NURSES

Over 110 allied health professionals and nurses representing every Health Board in Scotland came together at the Beardmore Hotel on 7 November to focus on evidence and practice in the area of stroke. This Masterclass event, organised by the Practice Development Unit, provided participants with exposure to experts in the field of dysphagia, aphasia, ankle-foot orthoses and visual screening. John and Audrey Brown gave a powerful presentation on their personal experiences following John's stroke and his rehabilitation. Their personal account provided a valuable insight into the patient's experience and set the scene for the day. We were also fortunate to have patients with aphasia attend the aphasia workshop to identify good practice and areas of improvement. A summary of feedback from the day will be published on the website early in 2008. We look forward to running Masterclasses in Children's Services in 2008.



Pictured from left to right (Back Row): Chambell Chalmers, Mark Smith. (Front Row) Audrey Brown, John Brown & June Wylie.

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- **HealthQwest Connects Newsletter - November 2007**
- **Department of Health AHP Bulletin - November 2007**

AHP secondments to NHS QIS

We have pleasure in welcoming the following AHPs who have joined the Practice Development Unit at NHS QIS on a secondment basis to take forward national projects:

- **Annette Cameron** (NHS Grampian) and **Sheena Borthwick** (NHS Lothian) are speech and language therapists are taking forward the development of an aphasic friendly version of the Aphasia in Scotland research and NHS QIS response to the findings.
- **Ann Murray**, clinical specialist physiotherapist from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde will be developing and leading a Prevention and Management of Falls Community of Practice.
- **Karen Krawczyk**, speech and language therapist from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, will be leading the Dysphagia Project.

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Focus on AHP National Projects

We are delighted to announce the publication of Aphasia in Scotland and Developmental Co-ordination Disorder



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research findings which were disseminated in November 2007. NHS QIS have now established Action Groups to review the findings from these research projects with a view to NHS QIS producing response reports (due for publication spring 2008).



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