PE2048/K: Review the FAST stroke awareness campaign

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Review the FAST Stroke Awareness Campaign

Query: to seek information on any local stroke awareness pilots we have undertaken, including the outcomes of those pilot studies.

Response:

- In the Raigmore Hospital Stroke Unit (2A), patients and families are handed FAST packs which include information leaflets detailing symptoms and action to take. The ward also has an information board with posters and contacts for those affected/those who have concerns and symptoms to look out for.
- ED and GA have information leaflets which they give to patients who are discharged home from those areas and not admitted to the Stroke Unit, the information includes worsening statements and points of contact/emergency contacts.
- The Stroke Association lead is visiting the stroke team in Raigmore next Wednesday 20th November and is spending a couple of days here. The national FAST campaign is to be discussed then, this will include a review of our info packs, description of symptoms and any further areas we can promote the FAST campaign in, in addition to posters we have around the premises.
- As an organisation we welcome any interventions that highlight to the public the importance of early identification and response to Stroke symptoms.

I trust that the above answers your enquiry. Please let me know if you have any other queries.