

**The Economic Consideration of carrying out 6 month reviews**

The costs associated with delivering six month reviews will be heavily dependent on the chosen delivery model and the size of the local stroke population.

*Resource implications: delivering reviews*

Following a successful pilot in partnership with Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) for Greater Manchester, 15 Stroke Association Information, Advice and Support (IAS) services across England are now already delivering six month post-stroke reviews using GM-SAT: the Greater Manchester Stroke Assessment Tool, an evidence-based, standardised post-stroke assessment tool.

The Stroke Association’s indicative cost of a review is £100, including staff time and the cost of onward referral. Initial findings show that the process saves an average of £88 per person per year over three years, a £144 saving by the end of the third year. In Surrey, CSH Surrey has been commissioned to deliver 6 month reviews. The Unit cost for one session in a clinic environment is £70 and a session in the home environment is £120.

*Resource implications: impact on services*

A key consideration for commissioners when looking at review processes is the impact that these reviews have on other local services. These may be cost negative or cost saving (such as reduced GP and stroke consultant appointments) or may have a cost implication (such as identified need for further therapy). The cost implications of onward referral need to be considered in the context of the benefits for patients. Commissioners are advised to undertake a cost benefits analysis, giving consideration to the broader impact of implementing reviews processes.

*Current service provider details*

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