

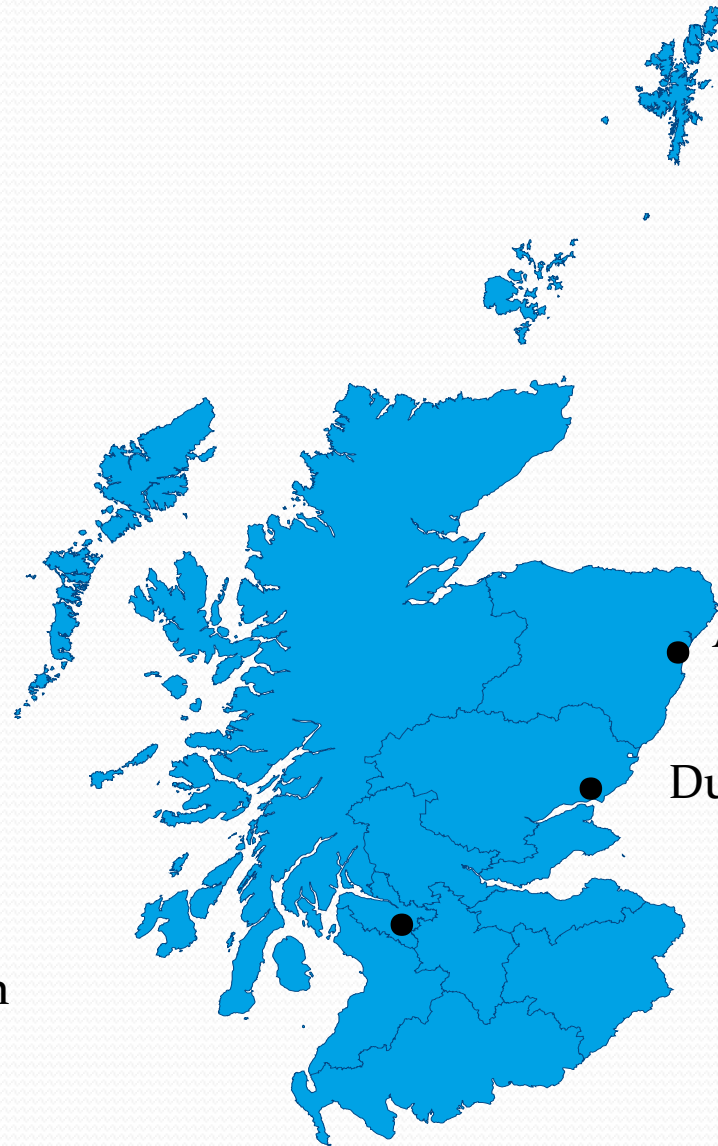
Scotland: Headache services and Neurological Standards

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Scottish Neurology

- Four neuroscience centres
 - Aberdeen: 8 consultants 6.5 WTE
 - Dundee: 4 consultants 3.5 WTE
 - Edinburgh: 19 consultants 15.5 WTE
 - Glasgow: 22 consultants 20.5 WTE
- District General Hospitals with neurologists
 - Borders General 1 WTE
 - Dumfries 1 WTE
 - Fife 4 WTE
 - Forth Valley 3 WTE
 - Inverness 2 WTE

Headache Clinics Nov 2011



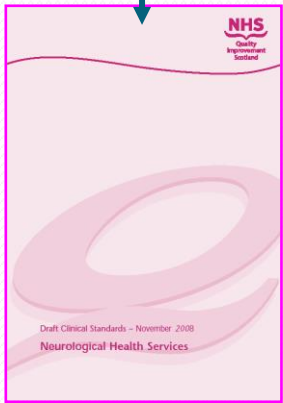
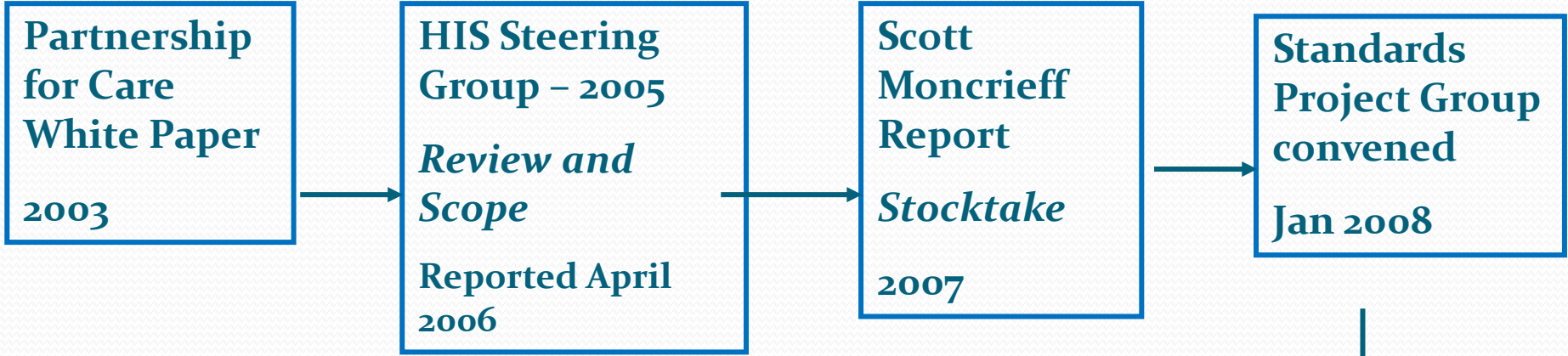
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GPwSI x 3 Nurse)
Visiting paediatrician

Aberdeen (Consultant + GPwSI)

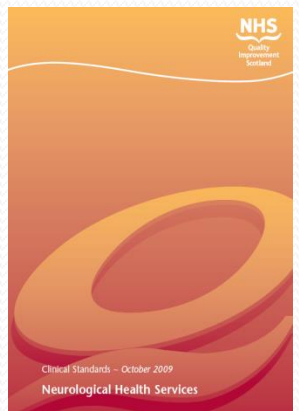
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Clinical Standards for Neurological Health Services



Nov 2008



Oct 2009





- 19 Standards
- 4 Generic Standards
- Condition Specific Standards
 - Epilepsy
 - Headache
 - Motor Neurone Disease
 - Multiple Sclerosis
 - Parkinson's disease

Access
Diagnosis
Ongoing Management

104 important things to do!

Standard 8: Access to Specialist Headache Services

Criterion 8.1 The NHS board provides access to a co-ordinated non-acute headache service led by a doctor who specialises in headache, and has defined links with the general neurology service.

Criterion 8.2a The NHS board provides an educational programme on acute and non-acute headache for primary care colleagues within the NHS board.

Criterion 8.2b The Education programme provided by the NHS Board is promoted to Healthcare professionals in the board area.

Criterion 8.2b The Education programme on acute headache is compulsory for all trainee doctors (currently FY1-ST2) undergoing training in acute medicine

Criterion 8.3 The headache service provides guidance on the minimum required information to be sent for all referrals to the service.

Standard 9: Diagnosis of Headache

Criterion 9.1 GPs have direct access to computerised tomography (CT) scanning according to the clinical indicators set out in the current SIGN guidelines.

Criterion 9.2 Neurological investigations for patients with non-acute headache are carried out in line with the recommendations for investigation types and timescales in current SIGN guidelines.

Criterion 9.3 Neurological investigations for acute headache are carried out in line with recommendations in current SIGN guidelines.

Standard 10: Ongoing management of Headache

Criterion 10.1 The headache service has the capacity to follow up patients with chronic headache as clinically indicated.

Criterion 10.2 The headache service has defined links to a pain management service.

Implementation of Standards

- 2011: Health Improvement Scotland give guidance and advice to Boards on how to implement standards via workshops, visits, teleconferences
- November 2011: Health Boards submit evidence of working to standards
- January 2011: Inspection visits to boards

The Future

- Assessment required to see if implementation of standards improves patient care
- Planned work with patient organisations and National Education Scotland