

PE2048/O: Review the FAST stroke awareness campaign

Scottish Ambulance Service written submission, 10 December 2024

Thank you for your invitation for Scottish Ambulance to provide a response to PE2048: review the FAST stroke awareness campaign and I hope our contribution is useful.

Firstly, I would like to recognise the loss experienced by the family of Anthony Bundy and on behalf of Scottish Ambulance Service I would like to extend my condolences. We appreciate the efforts of the family to increase awareness of the critical issue of strokes and timely treatment.

We are a clinically lead service and adjust our practice based on best practice and latest research, as outlined by others should the evidence supporting an alternative to FAST demonstrate better outcome we would adjust our practice accordingly.

Scottish Ambulance Service have not undertaken or participated in any pilot stroke awareness programmes at a local, regional, or national level and therefore have no outcomes to contribute. We will continue to publicise FAST awareness in line with nationally agreed messaging and promote awareness of key events such as World Stroke Day.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information.