Video Consultation for Allied Health Professionals & Neuropsychologists in Neurology Webinar

### **16th September 2021**

**Overview**

As part of the Framework for Neurological Care and Support, the National Advisory Committee for Neurological Conditions hosted a Webinar to support Allied Health Professionals and Neuropsychologists when using Near Me for video consultation. You can watch it [HERE](https://tec.scot/programme-areas/near-me/resources/video-consultation-allied-health-professionals-neuropsychologists-neurology). The Speakers, Agenda and reflections are set out below:

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| **Name** | **Position** | **Twitter** |
| Marc Beswick | National Lead - Near Me Network | @marbeswickahp |
| Stephanie Fraser | Chair of National Advisory Committee for Neurological Conditions | @StephanieFraser |
| Dr Callum Duncan | Consultant Neurologist - Clinical lead Clinical Neurophysiology - NHS Grampian | N/A |
| Jayne Dorans | Speech & Language Therapist - NHS Ayrshire & Arran | @DoransJayen |
| Dr Maggie Whyte | Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist - NHS Grampian | @maggieneuropsyc |

**Outline Programme**

11:00 Introductions & Housekeeping, Marc

11:05 National Picture, Stephanie

11:10 Neurologist, Callum

11:20 AHPs, Jayne

11:30 Neuropsychologist, Maggie

11:40 Discussion

12:00 Close

Although the focus was on Neurology a lot of the experiences and learning is transferrable and so this Webinar will be of interest to anyone using or considering using Near Me video consultations. An overall concept of providing video as a choice for patients plus how clinicians moved from “cant see how we can “ use Near Me to “yes we can” once they had realised how easy it was to use.

**Reflections**

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| **Ref** | **Theme** | **Questions and Comments** | **Response** |
| 1.1 | Assessments | Can it be used for neuropsychological assessment and testing? | Yes. Maggie Whyte shares her experience |
| 1.2 | Assessments | Can you carry out a swallowing assessment remotely? | Yes, guidance has been developed. Right choice of patients and any specific circumstances are important considerations. Using people on the same site as a patient can act as ‘eyes and ears’ |
| 2.0 | Barrier | What is not so good? | It is not so good for administration of some tests |
| 3.1 | Benefits | What works well with Near Me? | You can see the patient; easier to get a rapport; you can have multiple people on a call to facilitate a joint consultation; bring in family member. Bring in an interpreter. |
| 3.2 | Benefits | What works well with Near Me? | I have used Near Me for the clinical interview which has been useful |
| 4.0 | Getting started | What is the key learning to getting started? | Taking the first step is important. It gets easier and familiar the more you do, and the benefits start to become more obvious. Patient selection is important. |
| 5.1 | Setting, Clinic Room | Is it possible to facilitate a consultation? | Also, if the patient is in a clinic room it is possible to facilitate a consultation. It is also good for sharing resources with patients and family. |
| 5.2 | Setting, Home Visit | Can Near Me support Home Visits? | Yes. Smart phones/iPads can be used to look around the home |
| 5.3 | Setting, Schools | Using Near Me at Cerebral Palsy Scotland in School | “It's been great to be able to bring in partners from schools, social work, carers, other services as required.” |
| 6.0 | Top Tip | How do you get the best out of Near Me? | By highlighting choice and careful selection in patients. In NHS Grampian experience was that using video was ‘better’ than telephone. |