

## **Update from The Stroke Association As of 17th March 2020:**

- **We are asking all our staff to work from home and are closing all of our main and satellite offices including our base at Great Lever Health centre.**
  - Our IT infrastructure and systems will allow staff to work from home where required with minimal disruption. Our staff and volunteers are trained in and follow GDPR principles and guidelines as standard.
- **We will not be carrying out any home visits at this time until further notice as per government guidance** We will however be increasing telephone support and utilising our digital channels, focusing especially on those who are more vulnerable or socially isolated.
- **At this time we will not be visiting people in nursing or care homes.** Where appropriate we will liaise with care home staff to offer advice or guidance for residents affected by stroke, particularly if those people have recently been discharged from hospital.
- **We have postponed all group based activities until at least the 14<sup>th</sup> April.** We are sharing guidance with our groups, voluntary groups and volunteers that includes some tips on how to stay connected during this time.

**As per government advice, we are advising staff not to visit hospital sites at this time until further notice.**