

# The Tony Hudgell Rehabilitation Programme: Phase 2

Phase 2 of the **Tony Hudgell Rehabilitation Programme** aims to develop multidisciplinary standards of care across South London and South East England, for children and young people requiring management of tone caused by spasticity and/or dystonia.

**The Tony Hudgell Rehabilitation Project Team is seeking expressions of interest for members of the Reference Group, to guide, shape, and support the key decisions regarding the direction and programme of work, and the design and output of the project.**

**Roles available:**

Acute Paediatrician – DGH  
Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Clinical Psychologist  
Community Nurse  
Community Paediatrician – DGH  
ICB Representative  
Neurosurgeon  
Occupational Therapist (1 tertiary, 1 community)  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Orthotics Specialist  
Paediatric Neurologist  
Parent/Carer  
Pharmacist  
Physiotherapist (1 tertiary, 1 community)  
Speech and Language Therapist  
Tertiary Neurodisability Consultant

**Please ensure that you state the role that you wish to apply for in your application, as well as your current site location. Please note that your location must be within one of the following ICB regions: South East London, South West London, Kent and Medway, Surrey Heartlands or Sussex Health and Care Partnership.**

Applications for the role should be supported by a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) outlining relevant experience and supported by a statement (up to a maximum of 400 words) on why you would like to be considered for the role.

Please return your CV and supporting statement via email to [Samantha.randall@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Samantha.randall@gstt.nhs.uk) (cc [england.stpn@nhs.net](mailto:england.stpn@nhs.net)) by 09/02/2025. You will be notified of the outcome of your application within two weeks of the deadline.

If you have any queries about the role please contact [Samantha.randall@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Samantha.randall@gstt.nhs.uk).

## **Role Description**

<b>ROLE:</b>	Tony Hudgell Rehabilitation Programme Phase 2 Steering Group Member
<b>TERM:</b>	Fixed-term: 12-15 months.
<b>ACCOUNTABLE TO:</b>	Clinical Lead AHP for the Tony Hudgell Rehabilitation Programme
<b>REPORTING TO:</b>	Tony Hudgell Rehabilitation Phase 2 Programme Team; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Samantha Randall, Clinical Lead AHP</li></ul>

- Dr Dan Lumsden, Evelina Consultant in Paediatric Neurology and Complex Motor Disorders
- Miranda Loveday, Chief Children's AHP Evelina London
- Sally Watts, South Thames Paediatric Network (STPN) Manager
- Mr Feilim Murphy, STPN Clinical Director
- Emma Davis, Project Manager on placement with the Graduate Management Training Scheme.

## 1. Background

Phase 1 of the Tony Huggell Rehabilitation Project examined the Therapy Needs of Children and Young People with Complex Needs Across the South Thames region. Please visit the STPN website to access the Phase 1 report: [The Tony Huggell Rehabilitation Programme | South Thames Paediatric Network](#)

Following the successful completion of Phase 1 of the programme, we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded further funding for Phase 2. This will continue to be hosted by the South Thames Paediatric Network, in collaboration with the Evelina London.

Phase 2 of the programme will build on the findings from Phase 1, with a focus on a more targeted group of children, specifically, those requiring tone management interventions caused by spasticity and/or dystonia across South London and South East England.

Current model:

- The referral rate to tertiary centre neurology clinics is increasing.
- There is variation in how CYP are treated across centres.
- There are currently no agreed standards for how hypertonia should be managed in CYP with neurological movement disorders.
- There is a lack of high-quality evidence about how CYP are treated and what interventions are most effective to optimally address their needs.
- The current model is not sustainable or effective for being responsive to need. CYP need to be supported to live well, at home and in the community for as long as possible.

The project aims to:

- Develop multidisciplinary standards of care, through a clinical network, for CYP who require tone management caused by spasticity and/or dystonia
- Develop a consensus-based guideline to determine how children should interface with tertiary, district general and community services, including what a child needs to be seen for, and by whom
- Ensure that CYP who would benefit most from direct tertiary assessment and intervention are identified and escalated via an agreed pathway.
- Ensure that tertiary centres are able to see CYP with the most complex tone management needs.

The project aims to see the following outcomes:

- A reduction in episodes of outpatient care delivered in tertiary centres.

- Decrease in time from referral to tertiary & 1<sup>st</sup> assessment
- Decrease in cost to families travelling to tertiary centres for appointments
- Decrease in time CYP spent out of school to attend appointments
- Increase in assessment/review of CYP in 'outreach' clinics
- Increase in number of local services starting CYP on tone reducing medications
- Increase in satisfaction of CYP and their families with the services they receive
- Decrease in number of working days lost for parents due to attending appointments

These outcomes will be measured using the following metrics:

- Patient experience
- Patient satisfaction
- Number of local services starting tone reducing medications
- Number of attendances in tertiary paediatric movement disorder clinics
- Number of outreach clinics provided
- Waiting list data

## 2. Job Summary

This reference group will advise the project team. From this reference group, a smaller number of applicants will be approached to join the steering group and/or task and finish groups. **Please indicate if you would like to be considered for this role.**

It is anticipated that the group will attend monthly virtual meetings.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Supporting the Tony Hudgell Phase 2 project plan and delivery.
2. Contributing to key definitions and terminology, exemplars etc.
3. Creating links between the Tony Hudgell Rehabilitation Programme and key service providers, clinicians, commissioners and other sectors.
4. Advising in making key decisions on the direction and programme of work, design and output.

## 3. Summary

Please provide a statement of no more than **400 words** to support your interest in joining the Reference Group for this project. Outline your reasons for applying and what you feel you can provide, highlighting your relevant knowledge, skills, experience and how you can contribute to the overarching leadership of this project.

**Role Applied For:**

**Current Location:**

**How did you find out about this role? Please specify below:**

**Supporting Statement:**

#### **4. Signature**

I understand that being a member of the Reference Group will involve participating in monthly meetings over a period of approximately 12-15 months.

Applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION ALONGSIDE YOUR CV BY EMAIL TO:**  
[Samantha.Randall@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Samantha.Randall@gstt.nhs.uk), Clinical Lead AHP, Tony Huddell Rehabilitation Programme  
and cc [england.stpn@nhs.net](mailto:england.stpn@nhs.net).

**09/02/2025 Deadline for return of Expression of Interest.**