

Welcome to the March 2022 issue

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Welcome to the latest issue of the **Experts in MS** newsletter. There's exciting news - we have our first professional networking day this year in July. Read on for more information on this, as well as for updates from two of our service improvement forums and to sign up to our upcoming FACETS courses.



MS Frontiers

Swansea 7-8 July 2022

Submit your abstract and register online now

MS Frontiers 2022

Join us at the UK's largest biennial conference for MS research, bringing scientists and health care professionals together to share the latest advances in MS research.

Where? Swansea University

When? 09:00 Thursday 7 July to 12:45 Friday 8 July

We're currently inviting abstracts for posters and presentations on a range of topics. **Deadline is 12 April.**

> [Find out more on our website](#)

Experts in MS is pleased to announce we will be holding our first professional networking day alongside Frontiers in Swansea on 8 July. We will be showcasing new ways of working across MS services. Watch this space for more information coming soon.

We look forward to seeing you in Swansea!



The UK MS Register's first ever Datathon

Are you an MS Researcher? Interested in an opportunity to hone analytical skills and learn about working with real-world data? Register now for MS Register's Datathon!

- Learn or hone your analytical skills for large diverse datasets
- Chance to explore the data the UK MS Register holds
- Chance to address a particular question of interest to you

> [Find out more and apply today.](#)



Service Improvement Forums

Our Service Improvement Programme delivers local forums – bringing together Health and Social Care professionals and people with MS and other neurological conditions, to fully understand local unmet need. The forums support joint action planning to address these needs and improve local services.

In November 2021 we organised two service improvement forums in Cheshire and Merseyside. These focussed on 2 key service areas – Access to Therapies, and Communication and Information at Point of Diagnosis.

> [Read forum reports](#)



FACETS facilitators training

Our next online courses are on Monday 9 May and Wednesday 6 July. The course equips Health & Social care professionals to deliver FACETS, a six-week, group-based, fatigue management programme, online or face to face and to support people with MS to manage their MS related fatigue more effectively.

More information and to sign up:

- [9 May event](#)
- [6 July event](#)



Pontio - Bridging the gap in Wales

In Wales we're working closely with MS health professionals to provide a personalised service to people living with MS and their carers from the point of diagnosis.

Our Pontio project team helps to navigate people with MS through the complex and fragmented health, social care, employment, housing and welfare systems including help completing PIP applications.

Pontio means bridge in Welsh, and with the support of our MS teams, this project is helping to overcome the challenges faced by people living with the condition in Wales.

[Find out more →](#)

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