

Sandesh Gulhane MSP submission of 20 November 2023

PE2048/C: Review the FAST stroke awareness campaign

I write in support of petition PE2048, regarding FAST stroke awareness.

Stroke is a medical emergency which is still one of the leading causes of death in Scotland. We need to raise awareness of stroke and ensure that as many people as possible can identify the early signs of the condition. By acting as quickly as possible, lives can be saved, and we can prevent severe disability.

I support the aims of this petition, namely to review the FAST stroke campaign and to ensure that the full range of potential symptoms is widely known by the broadest range of people, including among medical professionals.

I would certainly support additional action from the Scottish Government, building on their Stroke Improvement Plan 2023, to ensure that any necessary action is taken to increase awareness in this area.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.