

PMG2024 Programme

The conference programme is subject to change at the discretion of PMG.

Registration Desk and Exhibition Open Times

	Mon 15 July	Tues 16 July	Wed 17 July
Registration Desk Hall 3 Foyer	15:00 – 19:00	08:00 – 19:00	08:00 – 15:00
Exhibition – Hall 3	Exhibitors set up only	08:00 – 17:00	08:00 – 15:00
Conference Proceedings		09:00 – 17:00	09:00 – 15:30

Exhibition Hall 3

Organisations that are exhibiting at **PMG2024** are listed in the separate Exhibition Catalogue. In addition, don't miss the wheelchair rugby demo area and wheelchair skills and testing area at the back of Hall 3:

GB Wheelchair Rugby

Representatives from GB Wheelchair Rugby are on hand to demonstrate and let you have a go at Wheelchair Rugby.

Go Kids Go Zone

Go Kids Go have been providing training to training for young wheelchair users and healthcare professionals across the UK and Ireland since 1990. The sessions at PMG will give the practitioner a chance to experience some of the challenges faced by wheelchair-using clients and to practise wheelchair skills techniques for overcoming these challenges. There will be a strong focus on how to teach these techniques to younger clients. The sessions will include learning key skills such as back wheel balancing and an introduction to wheelchair sports and dance.

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognising the key differences of various types of wheelchairs (for example; rigid frame vs folding frame)
- Recognising how the setup of a wheelchair impacts on the user's experience
- Understanding back-wheel balancing techniques
- Be able to demonstrate techniques for ascending and descending Kerbs in a wheelchair
- Recognising how wheelchair games, sports and dance can help to encourage independent mobility in both manual and powered wheelchairs.
- Be able to differentiate activities to suit the needs of the client group.

Monday 15 July		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
15:30 – 17:00	SPEED NETWORKING <i>Bariatrics: how big a problem is it?</i> <i>Bring any questions</i> <i>Navigating NHS management systems</i> <i>Technical innovation, including AI and robotics</i>	Hall 3 Foyer
19:00 – 22:00	Welcome Evening	The Gallery

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Tuesday 16 July		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
08:00 – 08:45	BREAKFAST and Exhibition	Hall 3
09:00 – 09:20	<i>Opening Address:</i> Nathan Robson PITCH YOUR POSTER! Directed by Mark Bowtell	Ironbridge 1
09:20 – 10:20 PL1.A PL1.B	PL1: OPENING PLENARY SESSION Chaired by Bex Oakes <i>Functional Neurological Disorder (FND)</i> Dr Elizabeth Mallam, Consultant Neurologist, North Bristol NHS Trust <i>FND is a feminist issue</i> Dr Caoimhe McLoughlin, Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences, University of Edinburgh	Ironbridge 1
10:05 – 10:20	Refreshments for exhibitors	Hall 3
10:20 – 11:20	MORNING BREAK and REFRESHMENTS Exhibition - poster viewing - wheelchair rugby - wheelchair skills	Hall 3
11:20 – 11:55	PL2: PITCH YOUR PRODUCT! Chaired by Helen Nelson	Ironbridge 1
12:00 – 13:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Morning	First Floor
B1	<i>Innovation processes to meet the needs of people with disabilities</i> - Laura Brown, West Midlands Rehabilitation Centre & Abigail Needham, Devices for Dignity AND <i>Igniting the Conversation Regarding Indoor Walking as a Determining Factor in Eligibility Criteria for NHS Wheelchair Provision</i> - Michaela White, AJM Healthcare	Ironbridge 1
B2	<i>Developing Best Practice Guidelines for the Stability Evaluation of People Seated in Wheelchairs and Special Needs Buggies</i> Jennifer Brady, Nicola Holbrook, Dave Long	Wenlock 1&2
B3	<i>Quality in Design Development at WestMARC</i> - Sara White, WestMarc AND <i>Bridging the Gap: From Standards to Reality in Headrest-Backrest Design</i> - William Dauncey, PDR Design, Cardiff Met and Ben Aveyard, Swansea Bay UHB	Wenlock 3&4
B4	<i>Exhibition viewing</i>	Hall 3
B5	<i>Are We Satisfied With Current Seating Technology Outcomes Or Should We Strive To Achieve More?</i> - Bart Van Der Heyden & Filipe Correia, BES Healthcare	Ironbridge 3
B6	<i>The Ethics of Getting Out of Bed</i> - Jennifer Stanek, AJM Healthcare AND <i>The importance of giving it a go</i> - Sabrina Robinson and Bicky Ho, Oxford University Hospitals	Coalport
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch for exhibitors	Hall 3
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH Exhibition - poster viewing - wheelchair rugby - wheelchair skills	Hall 3
14:00 – 15:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Afternoon (as morning sessions above)	First Floor
14:45 – 15:00	Refreshments for exhibitors	Hall 3
15:00 – 16:00	AFTERNOON BREAK and REFRESHMENTS Exhibition - POSTER PRESENTATIONS Q&A - wheelchair rugby - wheelchair skills	Hall 3
16:00 – 17:00 PL3.A PL3.B	PL3: PLENARY 3 Chaired by Tim Adlam Feedback session from networking – Table facilitators <i>Artificial intelligence (AI) and Assistive Robotics</i> Praminda Caleb-Solly, Professor of Embodied Intelligence, University of Nottingham End of day's proceedings	Ironbridge 1
Gala Dinner 19:00 – 01:00	19:00 Pay bar open 19:45 Gala dinner For ticket holders only. Smart casual dress code (no jeans or trainers please).	Ludlow Suite

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Wednesday 17 July		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
08:00 – 08:45	BREAKFAST and Exhibition	Hall 3
09:00 – 09:10	<i>Welcome to Wednesday / housekeeping:</i> Nathan Robson	Ironbridge 1
09:10 – 10:20 PL4.A PL4.B	<p>PL4: Plenary 4 Chaired by Dave Long</p> <p><i>Assessment and management of childhood dystonias</i> Dr Jean-Pierre Lin, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Evelina London Children's Hospital</p> <p><i>Assistive technologies including splinting for the management of contractures in Stroke patients - results of a systematic review</i> Rasheed Meeran, Director and Consultant Physiotherapist, Hope Rehab Ltd and Venu Durairaj, Director, Beacon Neuro Physio</p>	Ironbridge 1
10:05 – 10:20	Refreshments for exhibitors	Hall 3
10:20 – 11:20	<p>MORNING BREAK and REFRESHMENTS</p> <p>Exhibition - poster viewing - wheelchair rugby - wheelchair skills</p>	Hall 3
11:20 – 13:00 FP1 FP2 FP3 FP4	<p>FREE PAPERS Chaired by Lorna Tasker</p> <p><i>Improving Spinal Cord Injury Wheelchair Provision: a collaborative pilot project between AJM Healthcare and two Spinal Cord Injury Centres</i> Emma Linley, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital and Sarah Dowie, Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust</p> <p><i>Combining artificial intelligence and a dynamic sitting system to promote good posture and pressure relief</i> Dr Silvia Caggiari, University of Southampton</p> <p><i>Development of a robust postural care process of assessment, analysis and implementation to enhance professional practice and student outcomes for students with complex physical disability</i> Corinne Phillimore and Anesu Madondo, National Star College</p> <p><i>Is my in-situ sling dangerous whilst travelling in a vehicle?</i> Nicola Holbrook, West Midlands Rehab Centre, Birmingham</p>	Ironbridge 1
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch for exhibitors	Hall 3
13:00 – 14:00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Exhibition - poster viewing - wheelchair rugby - wheelchair skills</p>	Hall 3
14:00 – 14:15	Exhibition continues after lunch	Hall 3
14:15 – 15:15 PL5.A PL5.B	<p>PL5: PLENARY 5 Chaired by Mohamed Mirghany</p> <p><i>Steering-by-Leaning in manual wheelchairs</i> Reto Togni, ETH Zürich</p> <p><i>Alternative Power Chair controls: a Framework for maintaining independence</i> Jacob Eltherington, Specialist Rehabilitation Engineer, KCLH, Bowley Close Rehabilitation Centre, London Suzannah Shari, Specialist Wheelchair Therapist, GSTT, Bowley Close Rehabilitation Centre, London</p>	Ironbridge 1
15:15 – 15:30	<p>PRIZE GIVING Chaired by Bicky Ho</p> <p>Best Free Paper & Best Poster at conference</p> <p>Close of proceedings</p>	Ironbridge 1