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Connect launches Access to Life in Cornwall

Over 150 people came together for a special event at the Eden Project on 20 November to celebrate the launch of Access to Life in Cornwall

The multi-agency initiative – based on a partnership between Connect, the Royal Cornwall NHS Trust, the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly PCT, Adult Social Care, and The Stroke Association – aims to extend the range, length and choice of opportunities for people living with stroke aphasia and other long-term conditions in Cornwall.

Health and social care providers, partners and funders, clients and carers, gathered on the day to share ideas and experiences make suggestions and discuss all aspects of this innovative project.

Maggie Scott, nurse consultant in stroke for Cornwall, said “Cornwall is proud to be the first site to develop a model of outstanding services for people with aphasia that can be rolled out across the rest of the country.”

Access to Life will also collaborate with other organisations already proving services that people with aphasia could benefit from.

According to Connect, people with aphasia are fully involved at every stage to ensure the development and delivery of services, so that the end result fits their needs.

This project is the brainchild of Connect who also raised the £900,000 required to make it happen. Other funders include The Tavistock Trust for Aphasia, The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust, The



Clients and carers were among the delegates to discuss all aspects of the innovative Access to Life project

Duchy Health Charity and the Lanvern Foundation.

Chair of The Tavistock Trust for Aphasia Henrietta, Duchess of Bedford said, “The Tavistock Trust for Aphasia is delighted to be associated with Access to Life and to help fund this ambitious project.”

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