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THE ESSENCE OF SOCIAL CLIMATE:

**How measuring and enhancing the therapeutic
environment can improve experience and
outcomes in neurological services**

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Clinical Director,
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THE ESSENCE OF SOCIAL CLIMATE

It has long been known that social climate, otherwise known as the psychosocial environment or therapeutic milieu, is central in determining positive outcomes for patients across a range of service lines, including those cared for in neurorehabilitation services.

This training will focus on the concept of social climate and its importance from both a clinical and operational perspective. A review of the empirical literature will be presented with consideration as to how providing positive therapeutic environments can influence patient behaviour and outcomes as well as key organisational factors, such as staff wellbeing and retention.

Assessment strategies, as a means of benchmarking services, will be discussed, with reference to current and ongoing research conducted by the authors.

Recommendations for key areas of development that can improve therapeutic environments will be made and reference will be made to a range of concepts that directly relate to social climate, including team working, restrictive practice, closed culture and Quality Improvement (QI).

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

To ensure attendees can:

- Understand the concept of social climate and its relevance to neurorehabilitation services.
- Be able to reflect on the impact of positive and negative social climates on patient outcomes.
- Understand best practice in the assessment of social climate.
- Be able to consider the ways in which services can seek to improve their therapeutic environments and identify factors that may act as barriers to the development of effective social climates in services.

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BIOGRAPHIES



Professor Nick Alderman

**Senior Clinical Director, Head of Psychology & Consultant
Clinical Neuropsychologist**

Nick Alderman is Senior Clinical Director, Head of Psychology and Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist at Elysium Neurological Services, Elysium Healthcare, UK and Honorary Professor at Swansea University, UK. He is acknowledged as an expert in neurobehavioural rehabilitation, having accrued over four decades experience in this field. He has combined successful careers in clinical and academic psychology, and has a proven track record in treatment innovation, service development, leadership, research and teaching. Nick was the first recipient of the inaugural NR Times 'Lifetime Contribution' award in 2023 in acknowledgement of his "...immense" contribution to neurobehavioural rehabilitation. A new book on this subject, "Managing challenging behaviour following acquired brain injury", edited by Nick and Professor Andrew Worthington, was published this year.



Paul Mooney BSc(Hons); MSc; CPsychol(Foren); AFBPsS; CSci

**Clinical Director, Elysium Neurological & Honorary Assistant
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Paul is Clinical Director for Elysium Neurological and Honorary Assistant Professor with the School of Medicine, University of Nottingham. He is a Consultant Forensic Psychologist by training with a longstanding interest in neuropsychology. He is a peer reviewer for a number of academic journals and acts as practice examiner and lectures on Doctoral and other postgraduate courses. He has also worked with the British Psychological Society (BPS) Divisions of Forensic Psychology and Neuropsychology on various panels and working groups regarding clinical practice. He has experience working with people with a variety of presentations (eg, ABI, Neurodevelopmental Disorders, Personality Disorder and Mental Illness) across different care settings, including high, medium and low secure, locked rehabilitation and community services. He has experience of developing new services and is an advocate for formulation-led, person-centred care, with interests in behaviour support, social cognition and executive dysfunction. Paul has a background in research, with a number of peer reviewed publications on a variety of subject areas including: formulation and risk assessment in ABI; Behaviour Support in Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation; the assessment and management of people with neurodevelopmental disorder and challenging/offending behaviour; Personality Disorder & Psychopathy; risk assessment in neurological and neurodevelopmental populations; social climate and culture; and sexual behaviour & offending.

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– as a result of a neurological problem
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Badby Park – Daventry, Northamptonshire
Stanley House & Bowley Court – Bosbury, Herefordshire
The Bridge – Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire
The Dean – Gloucester, Gloucestershire
Gardens and Jacobs – Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire

Hospitals

St Neots Neurological Centre
– St Neots, Cambridgeshire
The Avalon Centre
– Swindon, Wiltshire

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