

HeadSmart Campaign

Stakeholder profiles | *Dr Sophie Wilne*



Dr Sophie Wilne was the lead researcher in the previous Brain Pathways project, lead author of all publications and the clinical guidelines.

Her intimate knowledge of the project, her professional expertise and clear commitment to professional development has been vital in determining every aspect of the project.

“I am a Consultant Paediatric Oncologist working for the East Midlands Children's and Young

Person's Integrated Cancer Service.

I have had an interest in the diagnosis of brain tumours since 2004 when I was appointed as a clinical research fellow to the childhood brain tumour diagnosis guideline development project at the University of Nottingham. I have expertise in the processes of systematic reviews, guideline development and guideline implementation.

I am currently involved in developing the guideline website and in assessing the guideline's impact on awareness of brain tumours. Recognising the symptoms of a brain tumour can be difficult for parents, young people and healthcare professionals and some children and young people are unwell for many months before the diagnosis is made.

This project aims to reduce the time taken for children and young people with brain tumours to be diagnosed and in doing so hopes to reduce the resulting disability currently experienced by many children and young people with brain tumours.”

Dr Sophie Wilne