

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

## Angelini Pharma UK-I and

## Epilepsy Action, Young Epilepsy, Epilepsy Research Institute, Epilepsy Specialist Nurses Association, The Neurological Alliance

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> Neurology and Epilepsy NHS Backlog Report
<b>ANGELINI AND INVOLVED ORGANISATIONS POTENTIAL BENEFIT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The final report will be used accordingly by all parties and disseminated through NHS and government channels, academic and professional platforms, public and patient-focused channels and digital channels to the target audience (policymakers, healthcare providers, neurologists, patient advocacy groups and professional associations) to discuss the impact on patient outcomes, financial implications, and recommendations for policy</li><li>• Angelini's mission is to support improvement of care in the Brain Health area. This project will help to understand the system gaps and identify solutions to be implemented. This project will position Angelini Pharma UKI as a committed partner to the epilepsy community in the UK.</li><li>• Ultimately, this joint working project is for the benefit of patients and the NHS, to improve the quality of care.</li></ul>
<b>EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND HOW WILL BE USED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This project has the aim of developing a report to build a national and regional picture of NHS neurology and epilepsy services in the post-pandemic era, to raise awareness of capacity challenges impacting the quality of epilepsy care and include a call-to-action to identify solutions.</li><li>• To develop a meaningful report, members from different patient advocacy groups, HCPs organisations, NGOs and professional organisations, have gathered together bringing their expertise and background in epilepsy, to meet in a virtual roundtable discussion to discuss current findings and future strategies to improve quality of care in people with epilepsy.</li><li>• The report will include data gathered from patient and HCP surveys, as well as NHS data, contextualising the challenges and impact on patients, together with the recommendations and takeaways from the virtual roundtable discussion.</li></ul>
<b>PROJECT RATIONALE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neurology target waiting times are consistently being missed UK-wide. Outstanding neurology referrals following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic have more than doubled in England (106% increase), increased by over half in Scotland (62% increase), increased by three-quarters in Wales (76% increase)</li><li>• The delivery of timely, high-quality patient care remains challenging, with greater patient demand and already low per-population workforce</li><li>• Epilepsy service delivery varies widely across England, reflecting significant differences in wait times, excess hospital stays and emergency admission rates</li><li>• This project seeks to draw a picture of the actual status of the Epilepsy service across the country, and identify solutions supporting a change to ensure more equitable access to services</li></ul>
<b>GOVERNANCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Epilepsy Action (Patient organisation/Charity), Young Epilepsy (Patient organisation/Charity), Epilepsy Research Institute (Research/HCP organisation), ESNA (Professional association), The Neurological Alliance (Non-governmental organisation), will be involved with one representative for each organisation joining the working group. The organisations will be part of a collaborative working agreement with Angelini Pharma UKI.</li><li>• Angelini Pharma will provide support for the project coordination and report development, through a third-party company (Cherry Advertising Ltd), and will support the working group with its expertise in the area.</li></ul>
<b>TIMELINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project start-up – Dec '24</li><li>• Final report – Sep '25</li></ul>