Additional File 4: The ATTEND Study- Patient interview guide

Purpose of the interview: Capture what it is like for people to manage post stroke. How to manage their disability, how the burden could be made easier/better/worse. How the intervention package might influence this (or not); or how the trial might influence this (or not).

Area of Interest	Initial Broad Descriptive Questions	Possible Probing Questions (These are a guide only. Depending on what the patient tells you, you do not have to ask all these questions or use the words exactly as written.)
Health care experience	Can you tell me about your stroke?	- What are some of the good/bad things about your health care?
	How was the care in the hospital?	 What type of support do you get from family, community or social groups with looking after your health? What kind of roles/responsibilities do you have in your family?
Satisfaction/ problems with the intervention package	What are your thoughts about your current treatment for your stroke?	- What did you think of the in hospital visit, the home visits?
		- What was helpful? (eg. stroke recovery trajectory, how to identify low mood, importance of specific activities)
		- What was not helpful?
		- Would you be happy to recommend this type of care to someone else, if applicable.
		- How can your doctor or the stroke unit improve your current treatment?
		- What has been most important in helping you get better?

Asking about specific components if not already covered	Information about stroke trajectory, risk, identification of low mood	 How do you know what you know about stroke? Is it from family, SC, doctor. How was it trying to achieve goals that were set?
	Goal setting	 What are the things that helped? And what things didn't?
		- When do you find it more difficult to do training and to maintain mobility etc?
	Positioning, transfers and mobility	What are the things that might make you stop? (pain?, tiredness, low mood, others helping?)
		- Can you describe any time or situation when you didn't want to do your training exercises?
		What things were influencing your decision?
	Task oriented training, the use of the cultural	
	manual	- Who would you speak to if you were having trouble with following the rehab training and tasks?
		When have you had to do this?
	Discharge planning	
		- Did the discharge planning in the hospital help? In what way?
	Relationships	How would you describe your relationship with the SC?
		With your nominated carer? (could be sensitive)
Translation to current practice	Would you recommend this intervention to others?	 Has the cost of care been an issue for you? If the intervention package required a fee, would you pay for it? Have other costs, e.g. cost of attending GP, travel to the health service, other specialist services, etc. been an issue? Now that the study is over, would you think the intervention helped in your recovery or would you have managed anyway? What other things would have helped you in your recovery and what more supports would you like in an ideal situation?

General views about the trial	What are your thoughts about ATTEND trial in general?	How have you found being involved in the study?
		 What things did/didn't you like about being involved?
		Tell me how you think the study worked, and what it was hoping to achieve?
		What were the things that made you want to participate in the study initially?
		 What were the benefits to you of participating?
		What concerns did you have about participating in this study?
		 Were there any things that may have stopped you from participating initially?
		 What were the risks of participating in the study?
		Once you were enrolled, what would have changed your mind about being in the study?
		O Did you feel that you could withdraw at any time?
		Did you know who to contact if you had any concerns about the trial?
		What were your thoughts about your privacy throughout this study?
Concluding questions		Are there things which we can do better to improve the study or the running of the trial?
		Is there something else that you would like to say, that we have not talked about in this interview?