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Hobbs Rehabilitation host a visit from Steve Brine, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health, MP for Winchester. After Hobbs attendance at Westminster for the launch of the CSP campaign **Rehab Matters** to celebrate and support community rehabilitation, neurological specialists showcased the life-changing services available locally.

Helen Hobbs and Nicky Ellis, co-founders of Hobbs Rehabilitation, were delighted to greet Steve Brine and presented a book of case studies showing the importance of rehabilitation and the impact it has on the lives of patients and their families.

During his visit Steve met patients and their families who shared stories, experiences and spoke to him about their rehabilitation journey.



A team of over 80 specialist clinicians, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy, provide intensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation from the Hobbs Centres across the south of England.

Mr Brine said “A fascinating visit where I learnt a huge amount. I met some really inspiring people who've been through so much but, through their work at Hobbs, are turning their lives around after illness or injury.

Hobbs is a local success story we're all so proud to have in Winchester and, above all, it proves rehab works and rehab matters.”



Helen Hobbs adds, “We are extremely proud of the specialist services we provide. The provision of a seamless pathway from residential rehabilitation through to outpatient

and home based community therapy enabling people to get back to their families and to their everyday lives is at the heart of what we do. Our commitment to the research and development of new therapies is paramount and we are excited to talk with Steve about our plans for a bespoke **Neurotechnology, Research, Treatment & Rehabilitation Centre**. This centre will provide a unique service offering both 24 hour residential nursing care combined with intensive rehabilitation, outpatient and community therapy. The service will combine hands on specialist therapy with neurotechnology and research to promote better outcomes for the patients both locally as well as for others in the UK.

Joe Green, neurotechnology lead and specialist physiotherapist at Hobbs adds “Technology has an important role to play, combined with current treatments and exercise it can reinforce the 24 hour approach to rehabilitation and help our patients fulfil their potential. Hobbs is able to introduce a wide range of neurotechnology resources such as functional electrical stimulation (FES) devices, robotics like the [Eksobionic](#) and [Rewalk exoskeletons](#) and the [AlterG bionic leg](#) and the [Mollii Suit](#). The use of these technologies can be both clinic and home-based. Hobbs is actively involved in research, clinical trials and product design, working alongside commercial partners, engineers and universities. Our speech and language team are currently trialling a teleswallowing service for the NHS in Hampshire within their community contract.

The **Rehab Matters** campaign by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists aims to promote the need for improved access to community rehabilitation for people leaving hospital and those with long term conditions.



During the Rehab Matters event, held at Thames Pavilion on the banks of the Thames, MPs were told first-hand that medical advances are saving more lives than ever.

But too many people who then leave hospital miss out on vital community rehabilitation services to enable them to complete their recovery.

That message was reinforced by the premiere of a powerful new short film *Rehab Matters*' (below), commissioned by the CSP. The film contrasts the widely differing impacts on the life of a woman who receives physiotherapy after a stroke, compared with her life without community rehab.



(To view the film please go to <https://youtu.be/Ndlf9s3b2AU>)



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Note to Editors:

HOBBS REHABILITATION offers a full interdisciplinary 'one stop shop' service for both the NHS and the independent sector and operates across the south of England.

Hobbs has a national contract with the RFU Injured Players Foundation for catastrophically injured players, as well as a partnership with Injured Jockeys Fund. These clients include spinal cord injury, stroke and head injured players.

Proud winners of several business awards, the speech & language team are **currently finalists in the SEHTA awards for our Partnership with the NHS**. Other awards include a high commendation at the MS Trust QUDOS Awards, a regional winner at the Life After Stroke Awards and a recent nomination for the Excellence Network Award from Parkinson's UK.

Experts in clinical education, Hobbs Rehabilitation provides a full and varied post-graduate training programme for employed staff and external clinicians, running national training for some of the specialist neurotechnology they have available.

In addition, they regularly participate in clinical trials and case studies both nationally and internationally.

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