

**SSNAP**

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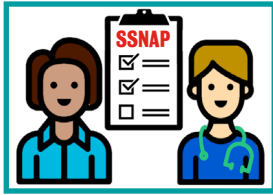
# What data does SSNAP collect?

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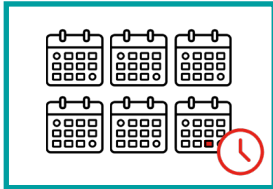
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## What questions does SSNAP ask?



SSNAP collect data from **hospital** and **community** stroke care **teams**.



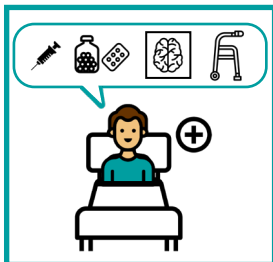
SSNAP collect data about the **care** stroke patients receive for the first **6 months** after their stroke.



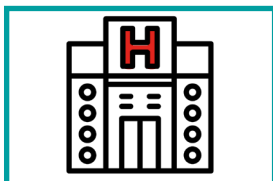
From **April 2020**, SSNAP has been asking if the patient had **COVID-19**.

## Download SSNAP's list of questions

You can **download** the **list of questions** SSNAP ask:



**Click here** for a list of questions about the **care** stroke survivors receive.



**Click here** for the list of questions about the structure of stroke care services in **hospitals**.



**Click here** for list of questions SSNAP asks about the structure of **community stroke care teams**.

## Download SSNAP patient information sheets

Patient information sheets explain what SSNAP does with patient data.



Click here for **patient information** for **England** and **Wales**.

Click here for **patient information** for **Northern Ireland**.

## Does SSNAP collect confidential patient information?

SSNAP **does not** collect confidential information for patients in **Northern Ireland**.

For patients in **England and Wales**, SSNAP collects your:

- **Name**
- **Date of birth**
- **Postcode**
- **NHS number**

This lets SSNAP **link** stroke care data **to other databases**.

The SSNAP team will **never** see your personal information.

# Why does SSNAP collect my personal information?

NHS Digital (NHSD) and NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) link your personal information to **two databases**:

## 1. NHS Digital (NHSD) database.

NHSD collects information about:

- **how many** people have **died**
- what **caused** their death

## 2. Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) database and Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW)

Hospitals give patients **codes**.

Hospitals send the codes to **HES** and **PEDW**.

**SSNAP** use these codes to:

- check **how many** people have had a **stroke**.
- show what is happening in **stroke care**.

This helps hospitals to **improve stroke care** for patients.

# Why was I never asked about SSNAP in the hospital?

It is **difficult** to ask someone for **consent** after a stroke.



Some patients find it **hard to communicate**.

Some patients **cannot speak**.



Some patients **won't** have relatives with them.

It is a **distressing** time for patients.



SSNAP **asked** stroke patients about this.

They thought SSNAP is **useful** because SSNAP can **improve** stroke services.

Because of this, SSNAP **do not** need **consent** from stroke patients for the first six months after their stroke.

## Section 251 Exemption

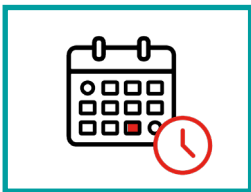
SSNAP **do not** have to ask for consent in the first 6 months after stroke.

This exemption is granted by the **NHS**.

It is called a **Section 251** exemption.

All hospitals in SSNAP are encouraged to **talk to patients** about SSNAP when they can.

## When does SSNAP ask for consent?

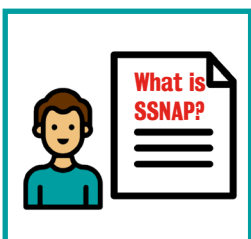


The team treating the patient ask for consent during their **6 month review**.



Consent can also be recorded when the patient is **in hospital**.

SSNAP have **information** sheets for patients at their **6 month review**.



Click [here](#) for information for **England** and **Wales**.

Click [here](#) for information for **Northern Ireland**.

## What happens if you refuse consent for SSNAP?

If you refuse consent for SSNAP, all your personal data will be **deleted**.

But SSNAP will keep all **non-identifiable data**.

Keeping the non-identifiable data lets SSNAP analyse data **without bias**.

If you opt out from SSNAP, it will **not** affect your care.

## National data opt out

The **national data opt out** will start on 31 **March 2022**.

If you are on the **national data opt out** list, your data **will not** be submitted to SSNAP.