

# Patient information sheet: 6 month assessment

## What is SSNAP?

The **Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP)** is a national project.

SSNAP is based at **King's College London**.

**All hospitals** have to take part in this project.

SSNAP **measures:**

- stroke care in **hospitals**
- stroke care at **home**
- Progress **6 months** after stroke



## What is the purpose of SSNAP?

SSNAP measures **stroke care** against national clinical guidelines.

**National clinical guidelines** tell us what care stroke patients should receive.

SSNAP helps to **improve** the **care** patients receive.

Participation shows that this organisation is committed to **improving** stroke care.

## What information does SSNAP collect?

The **National Stroke Strategy** says all stroke patients should have a review.

The review should happen **6 months** after stroke.

SSNAP **collects** your 6 month review information.

Your 6 month review information tells SSNAP:

- if you are **living at home** or in a **care home**
- if you are **living alone** or **with someone**
- if you have a **carer**
- what **support** you have received
- what **medication** you have received

From April 2020, SSNAP has been collecting information on confirmed or suspected **COVID diagnosis**.

6 month review information is **important** to collect.

It tells us **how well you recover** from your stroke.

## Does SSNAP collect my personal information?

SSNAP collect your:

- name
- date of birth
- Postcode
- NHS number (everyone has a unique number used by the NHS)

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

# Why do 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.

## How will my information be kept safe?

There are **strict rules** for keeping information **safe**.

**Hospital staff** collect the information.

Only staff involved in **your stroke care** can see the information.

The hospital staff are **chosen by the hospital**.

The hospital staff **must be approved** by the hospital and by SSNAP.

Hospital staff send the information to SSNAP using a **secure website**.

Hospital staff must enter a **password** to see the information.

Hospital staff must **agree** to use the information properly.

## The permission SSNAP needs to collect your information

The **NHS** has told SSNAP when to ask for patients' permission.

SSNAP **does not** need **permission** when:

- the patient is **in hospital**.
- the patient is receiving care **at home**.

This is because the NHS understands that SSNAP is **important**.

Measuring stroke services helps to **improve stroke care**.

SSNAP can check that services are giving patients the **care** that they **need**.

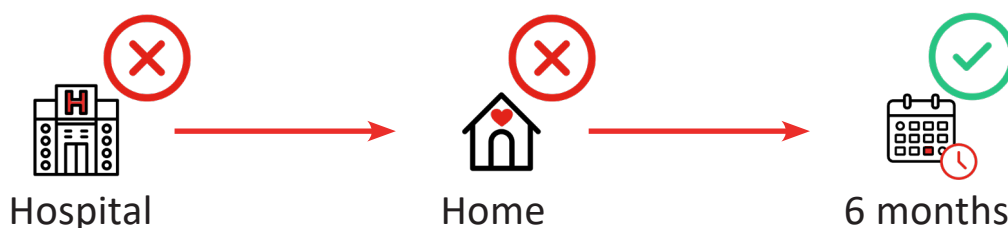
## SSNAP ask for permission at 6 month review

SSNAP **do need** permission to collect 6 month review information.

At six months patients are **more likely** to have **recovered**.

Patients will be more able to give their **permission**.

Patients can ask a **carer** or **family member** for advice.



## Can I refuse to give my permission?

**Yes.** Just **tell** the person who gave you this leaflet.

Your personal information will then be **removed**.

## National Data Opt Out

From the **31 March 2022**, patient data sent to SSNAP will be subject the National Data Opt Out.

All healthcare providers in **England** must comply with the National Data Opt Out.

If you are on the **National Data Opt Out list**, your data **will not** be submitted to SSNAP.

## Contact the SSNAP team:

**Telephone:** 0116 464 9901

**Website:** [www.strokeaudit.org](http://www.strokeaudit.org)

**Email:** [ssnap@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ssnap@kcl.ac.uk)

**More info about how SSNAP process patient data:** [www.strokeaudit.org/SSNAP-Governance.aspx](http://www.strokeaudit.org/SSNAP-Governance.aspx)

## Consent form for 6 month review information to be collected by **SSNAP**

Have you **read** and **understood** the information sheet?

Have you had a chance to **ask questions**?

Yes



No



Do you **agree** to **SSNAP** collecting your 6 month review information?

Yes



No



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