Patient information sheet: 6 month assessment

What is SSNAP?

The **S**entinel **S**troke **N**ational **A**udit **P**rogramme (**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

Hospital   Home   6 months

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.**

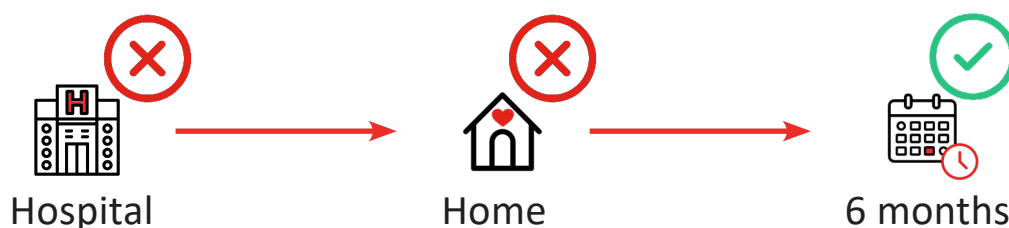SSNAP can check that services are giving patients the **care** that they **need**.

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.

Hospital → Home → 6 months

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 July 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
Email: ssnap@kcl.ac.uk	**More info about how SSNAP process patient data:** 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** ✗ ☐

Please sign here:

_____   _____   _____
Your name   Date   Signature

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Name of Assessor   Date   Signature